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U.S. citizen dies in Palestinian custody

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - A U.S. citizen of Palestinian OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — A U.S. citizen of Palestinian origin died in hospital after being taken ill from a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) interrogation centre in self-ruled Jericho, Palestinian security officials said on Friday. They said Wael Azzam Abdul Rahim, who was being held for questioning on a criminal offence, suffered a heart attack on Thursday night and was taken to hospital were be died. A spokesperson for the U.S. consulate in Jerusalem confirmed that Abdul Rahim, an American extrem in his early 50s, had died by town no information or the chizen in his early 50s, had died but gave no information on the circumstances. "We are looking at the circumstances of his death," the spokesperson said. Abdul Rahim's relatives told reporters they found marks of corture on his body when they brought it from a Jericho hospital for burial at his native village of "Ain Yabrud, near the West Bank town of Ramallah. Relatives assaulted cameramen who tried to take pictures of the funeral, journalists

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4 die in Yemen clash between troops, gang

ADEN (R) - Four men died in clashes between Yemeni security forces and a gang which had attacked a wedding party in a southern region on Yemen, travellers said on Friday. There was no ate official confirmation of the clash, said to have started on Thursday and continued sporadically until Friday afternoon in the Dalea region, 100 kilometres north of Aden. Travellers said the Dalea region, 100 kilometres north of Aden. Travellers said two men from government security forces and two from an armed group described as "radical Islamic elements" were killed. They said fighting erupted after the forces surrounded the group's base after residents complained they had attacked a wedding last week which they opposed as un-Islamic. The gang attacked with gunfire and a grenade, which did not explode. There were no reports of injuries. Residents said the gang was headed by an Algerian sheikh. In a similar attack this month, about eight people were injured when a grenade exploded at a wedding in Aden, South Yemen's capital before it merged with North Yemen in 1990.

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Clinton: Israel fully committed to self-rule accord

U.S. pledges to do 'whatever it takes' to complete peace process after Israel, PLO sign agreement; prisoner release delayed, but Arafat unfazed; Peres says Palestinian state unrealistic, confederation with Jordan is best for all

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Bill Clinton said Friday be believed Israeli Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin and his government will fulfill "both the letter and spirit" of the Palestinian autonomy accord signed

"I believe (Israel's) prime minister and its government are completely committed to this," Mr. Clinton told reporters ahead of a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

His comments came as Israel delayed the release of more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners that was to coincide with Thursday's signing cere-

Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat said he was untronbled by the delay and expected the release in a few

"They (Israelis and Palestimans) know exactly what they are getting into. They have made very, very deep commitments to one another," Mr. Clinton said. 'And just as I believe that Chairman Arafat is going to the terror, I believe that the prime minister will do every-

thing he can to fulfill both the letter and the spirit of the Earlier Friday, Mr. Clinton told Israel TV he was "prepared to do wbatever it

peace in the Middle East. "I think that in order for peace to be achieved, I will

in an interview.

Since Middle East peace talks began in 1991, Israel has concluded a peace treaty with Jordan and reached several interim agreements with the Palestinians. However. Israel's negotiations with Syria and Lebanon remain deadlocked.

"I am prepared to do whatever it takes to try and finish the entire peace process which includes an agreement with Syria and Lebanon as well as the final status of the agreement between the Israelis and the Palestinians,"

Mr. Clinton told Israel TV. Mr. Clinton also pledged to support Israel in its campaign to stop snicide attacks by militants who have killed dozens of Israelis over the past two years.

"I bate terrorism. I will do everythig I can to support Israel's attempt to stomp it out," Mr. Clinton said.

"But I believe that only the long run, the course we are pursuing, is more likely to bring an end to terrorism than trying to go back the other way and having no agreement. Then the enemies of peace will have a field day," Mr. Clinton added.

Mr. Clinton was evasive when asked whether the United States would move its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. As a presidential candidate in 1992, Mr. Clinton had spoken of recogniscapital, but as president did

not follow up.

have to be deeply, personally Jerusalem was the capital of involved," Mr. Clinton said Israel and would someday have the embassies, including ours," he said in Friday's.

interview. However, he added that as a mediator in the negotiations, the United States should not do anything to make a public display that would disrupt the peace pro-

"That is the most important thing now, the integrity of the peace process," Mr. Clinton said. Under the glittering chan-

deliers of the East Room, Mr. Clinton presided Thursday over two bours of speeches and pageantry before an audience of 200 diplomats, foreign ministers, cabinet secretaries and mem-Mr. Arafat, who fought in

his first war against Israel as a teenager in 1948, and Mr. Rabin, an Israeli brigade commander in that war, signed the 400-page agreement at 1:16 p.m. EDT (1716

Standing alongside a beaming President Clinton — who stands to get a political boost from U.S. mediation of the accord — the two then duplicated the famous icebreaking handshake they exchanged two years ago in signing a declaration of peace principles at the White

Israel meanwhile delayed the start of the release of Palestinian prisoners that was signing of the antonomy accord, with officials saying a few days were needed to

prisoners who had taken part in attacks on Israelis.

Mr. Arafat was meanwhile meeting U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on economic cooperation with the West Bank and the Gaza Strip under the autonomy pact.
A tripartite commission on

economic development has been established including the United States, Israel and Jordan, but Mr. Arafat ex-pressed hope of more countries beloing in the economic

Mr. Peres meanwhile underlined the need to work on economic matters to make the autonomy accord a suc-

"We all have to mobilise," Mr. Peres said, citing in particular a plan to establish. industrial zones between Israel and the territories "in-

study the cases of women stead of putting mines"

Mr. Christopher for his part said he hoped Thursday's accord would provide "a very strong incentive" for donor nations to follow through on pledges of econo-

So far \$2.4 billion has been promised to the Palestinians but only \$650 million has been released.

Mr. Peres said the autonomy agreement to transfer most of the occupied West Bank to Palestinian control will likely lead to a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation, not a Palestinian state as envisaged by Mr.

Mr. Peres told CBS "This Morning" that Mr. Arafat was entitled to his dream of a Palestinian state, but said 'we didn't agree abont

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U.S. launches \$50m project

THE UNITED States on Friday launched a \$50 million project to improve water and other services for Palestinians in the West Bank.

"The U.S. Agency for In-ternational Development (USAID) launched a fouryear, \$50 million project designed to significantly improve the quality and quantity of basic municipal services to Palestinian residents of the West Bank," the U.S. Instatement.

"The mnnicipal services Hebron.

project consists of critical infrastructure activities. The first set of activities, focusing on water, totals \$8 million and will be implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP):

"It will include a \$3 million activity to construct and rehabilitate water systems in more than a dozen West Bank villages, providing 60,000 people with running water in their homes for the first

\$3 million water system for

King: No losers and all winners in peace

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein has expressed hope that the deadlock in negotiations between Syria and Israel and Lebanon and Israel would be broken soon so that the "circle" of peace in the Middle East could be completed.

The King, delivering a short address at a reception hosted by U.S. President Bill Clinton after Thursday's signing of the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) autonomy agreement, also paid tribute to the Palestinian leadersbip for its
"conrageous" decision to
make peace with Israel.

The King said there would be no losers in making peace, and both sides were the winners, but the key question for the leaders was to accept that conflicts could not be resolved without engaging the opposite party in negotia-

"How can you make peace with somebody you do not know?" said the King. "How can you make peace with someone you cannot talk to? How can you explore the The project also included a can you build trust and mutual confidence in each



Without specifically naming Syria and Lebanon, the King said: "Let us hope and pray that others will come, and we are sure that they will, and when they do they will exhibit even greater courage because their actions will complete the circle and get us all to enjoy what we have been denied for so long.

"For them to join us will be more than welcome. We pray and hope that it will not be long before seeing them with. us and, with God's will and tion for the establishment of the comprehensive peace that

out engaging the opposite party in dialogue there could be no solution to the conflict. He implicitly referred to his contacts with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin before Jordan and Israel made peace and recalled that President Clinton had asked the two of them as to bow many years they had known each other.

"I'd like to say that more than I would care to remember," said the King. "As peo-ple in positions of responsibility, peace has always been our dream and our hope, and we strove to achieve it and turn it into a reality. Our relations passed throngb some very very difficult moments, passed through strife, and tragedies. Permit me to say from my limited experience, I have always sought to place myself in my opposite number's position time and again because when peace arrives when such a goal is achieved it is not a question of one side winning and other losing. The reality is that everybody wins and for that to happen there has to be understanding and compromdication and courage and

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Libya: Palestinians leaving en masse

TRIPOLI (Agencies) — Libya on Friday announced the departure en masse of Palestinians expelled on the orders of the country's leader

Muammar Qadhafi. The official agency JANA said: "The Palestinian masses have started today to implement their decision concerning the return to Palestine." "A certain number of Palestinian families bave begun their return journey," the agency added, without

giving details on the numbers

Col. Qadhafi said in a Sept. 1 speech that it was time for Palestinians in Arab states to "go home," in an attempt to swamp the Gaza Strip and West Bank and show the "failure" of Israel-Palestine Liberation Orga-, nisation (PLO) agreements to establish self-rule there. More than 5,000 of Libya's . 30,000 Palestinians have been

expelled across the borders to Egypt since then. Three busloads of deported Palestinians crossed from Libya into Egypt on Thursday and the Libyan authorntes set up more tents to shelter thousands expected

over the coming days. The latest batch crossed on the same day that Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeb Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin signed in Washington an agreement on extending self-rule to parts of the West Bank still under

israeli occupation. "It is a black day in the history of the Arab Nation," JANA said, reporting Thursday's ceremony in Washing-

The Palestinian deportees said 11 of them were going to the Gaza Strip through the Egyptian border at Rafah winle the rest of the 150 on the buses headed to Jordan through the Egyptian Red Sea port of Nuweibeh termi-

hotel to make process Sea away its maner process. tres for a ferry to Aqaba. All of them have their papers in order and they did not

expect to face the same problems as some earlier deportees, who travelled across Egypt and back in search of a refuge.
Palestinians can enter the

Gaza Strip and the West Bank only with the approval of the Israelis, who retain complete control of the exter-The Libyans have now set

up 38 large tents on their side the border and border officials said they were putting up 12 more as temporary shelter for future deportees Two U.N. agencies called on Libya and other Arab

mans ejected by Tripoli. The heads of the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the U.N. Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) called on Tripoli and Arab govern-ments to "redouble their efforts" to solve the crisis. "I urge the Libyan govern-

ment to reconsider the current wave of forced relocations and expulsions," the joint statement said. It's director also called on "other governments to find a

speedy solution to resulting humanitarian problems." "To condemn them to a nebulous existence in closed camps or in no man's land is scarcely a satisfactory solution to the complex situation

affecting Palestinian refugees," it said. The statement said that reports from Libya say "a further 1,500 Palestinians are currently being relocated from their homes to one or more camps in the Tobruk area, 150 kilometres from the

Egyptian border."
"Many of the expelled Palestinians bad been living a normal life in Libya for more than 20 years. Libya was generous to them. It is very sad to see such an abrupt and cruel disruption of their

Israeli is stabbed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A Palestinian youth stabbed an armed Israeli in the back in the Old City of Jerusalem on Friday,

the police said. The Israeli, despite a knife lodged in his back, managed to open fire with a pistol but his assailant escaped. The man, aged 37, was taken to hospital where doctors removed the knife.

In the occupied West Bank, Palestinian militants hurled two Molotov cocktails at a Jewish settlers' home in the flashpoint town of Hebron, without causing injuries countries to help put an end or damage.

to the suffering of Palesti-Israeli troops closed down the central marketplace after the attack on the nearly Avraham Axine residence. The assailants escaped. In confrontations Friday, dozens of teenagers threw stones at soldiers. Troops sporadically chased them, but

did not fire rubber bullets or teargas, as is customary. At one point, two firebombs were thrown at the Avraham Avinn settler compound in downtown Hebron. In response, Israeli soldiers rounded np about 100 Palestinians and ordered them to stand with their backs to a wall, Palestinian

reporters said. Soldiers confiscated the identity cards of the detainees, and then called them forward individually. Young men were taken to a different area and the older ones let go, the reporters said.

Hardline groups, Hamas and Islamic Jihad have called for clashes with troops and Jewish settlers on Friday in protest at the West Bank autonomy accord signed the previous day in Washington. Hundreds of settlers protested in Hebron on Thursday, accusing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of selling ont

greater Israel. "Settlers vowed to fight Israel's plans to turn over

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Joint declaration pledges help to implement accord WASHINGTON (USIA) — President Bill Clinton and the

leaders of Jordan. Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Anthority pledged "to do every-thing possible to ensure suc-cessful and complete implementation" of the Israeli-Palestinian agreement signed

Sept. 28 in Washington. In a joint declaration of the Washington Summit, issued by the White House, President Clinton, King Hussein, President Hosni Mnbarak, Prime Minister Yitzbak Rabin and Chairman Yasser Arafat "agreed to have their, representatives meet to discuss ways to support this process and build upon it to acbieve a comprehensive

Following is the text of the joint declaration:
President Clinton, His

Majesty King Hussein, President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Rabin and Chairman Arafat met today to review the dramatic progress which has already been made on the road to realisation of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the Middle East and to consider ways and means together to reinforce

and accelerate that progress. The leaders affirmed the historic importance of the Israel-Palestinian interim agreement and praised the dedication and skill of the negotiating teams led by Foreign Minister Peres and Chairman Arafat. They expressed their support for the Palestinian Authority as it assumed self-government responsibilities under the agreement and their hope tbat Palestinian elections would be held as soon as possible. The leaders pledged to do everything possible to ensure successful and complete implementation of the agreement. They agreed to bave their representatives meet to discuss ways to snpport this process and build npon it to achieve a compre-

The leaders noted their appreciation for the internasince Sept. 13, 1993 to support the Israel-Palestinian Declaration of Principles and

ance of economic cooperation and development in supporting a lasting peace in the region and committed themselves to enhance mutual coordination for the common benefit of their peoples and all the region. In this regard, they pledged their full support for the upcoming Amman Economic Summit and for establishment of a Middle East Development Bank.

end to the Arab boycott as soon as possible.

The five leaders expressed their condemnation in the strongest possible terms of all

They reiterated the call for an

its implementing agreements. acts of violence and terror. They recognised the import-They reaffirmed their determination to confront all enemics of peace and reiterated the need for all possible measures to be taken - founded upon the rule of law - to ensure security for the citizens of Israel and for the

Palestinian people. The leaders reviewed progress in the Syria-Israel negotiations and reaffirmed their conviction that early conclusion of a peace treaty between these two countries and between Israel and Lebanon would be key steps toward their common goal of a just, comprehensive and last-

Holbrooke presses Bosnians for truce

SARAJEVO (Agencies) --U.S. troubleshooter Richard Holbrooke returned to Sarajevo Friday for another round of sbuttle diplomacy aimed at getting a ceasefire in Bosnia as clashes between government forces and the Bosnian Serbs continued.

Arriving at the presidency for talks with Bosnian officials the U.S. assistant secretary of state said that a ceasefire was still a long way off and divisions over territory remained "very wide."

He said that the Serbs were a long way from accepting the conditions put by the Bosmans for a ceasefire adding. "we haven't made any progress on a ceasefire yet. Mr. Holbrooke predicted his new round of diplomatic

contacts between Bosnians. Croats and Serbs would be as tough as the previous ones. Mr. Holbrooke began the day with a 15 minute one-toone meeting with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic. They were later joined by Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic and Hasan Muratovic, who handles relations with the United Nations.

As the meeting was underway Bosnian Serb radio reported heavy fighting between government troops and their forces in Konjic 40 kilometres sontbwest of Sarajevo and in the region of Mostar.

U.N. officials could not confirm the fighting on Fri-day but said that some 40 artillery detonations were heard in the area of Konjic on Thursday. "This was assessed as a Bosnian government army attempt to remove the threat of Bosnian Serb heavy weapons to Konjic. There are no reports of ground offensives," Myriam Sochacki, a U.N. spokeswoman, said.

Three people were killed in Bosnian Serb shelling attacks on Konjic on Thursday, local Bosnian radio reported. In the north of the country,

near Banja Lnka, beavy fighting was reported to be in progress. The Bosnian Serb military press centre there said Croat and Muslim troops were trying to break through defence lines around Bosanski Novi but had failed to do

Syria says U.S. effort could bring peace deal with Israel

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syrian media said on Friday the United States' efforts to push forward stalled Syrian-Israeb talks could lead to peace between the two coun-

signing in Washington of a new Israel-Palestinian peace accord which Damascus bas The official Syrian daily Al Baath renewed condemnation of the accord, saying in

The remarks followed the

fell short of achieving peace in the Middle East. Full peace in the region could only be reached when Israel withdrew from the occupied Golan Heights, it

"The efforts of the American envoys will reach their goals if they concentrate on an Israeli commitment to complete requirements of the peace process," Al Baath

said.

The issue of the Golan Heights, seized by Israel in the 1967 Middle East war, is the main obstacle to peace between Syria and Israel. Damascus wants a full Israeli withdrawal while the Jewish state demands a commitment to full diplomatic relations

Damascus is also upset that the Palestinians and Jordan have made peace with Israel. It say it wanted a comprehensive Arab-Israeb peace.

Syrian Television on Thursday night showed shots of the signing of the latest PLO-Israeli deal as the third item in the news with a brief comment. The news also highlighted shots of the Palestinian opposition in the

West Bank to the deal. U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said on Wednesday he was optimistic the Syrian-Israeli talks could move forward and he would start a regional tour in the next two weeks.

President Bill Chinton was to meet the leaders of Egypt and Jordan on ways to bring Syria and Lebanon into the "A new Middle East is in

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In Washington on Friday,

the making," PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said on Thursday. "And this new Middle

After Thursday's signing, Mr. Arafat, Mr. Clinton, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, along with Egyptian Presidnet Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein issued a statement calling on Syria and Lebanon to join in a comprehensive Middle East peace.
"The leaders reviewed

progress in the Syria-Israel negotiations and reaffirmed their conviction that early conclusion of a peace treaty between these two countries and between Israel and Lebanon would be key steps toward their common goal of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region," it said.

The statement also said that Mr. Clinton, Mr. Rabin, Mr. Arafat, King Hussein and Mr. Mubarak "expressed their condemnation in the strongest possible terms of all acts of violence and terror," and vowed to confront all enemies of peace.

It added that the leaders (Continued on page 12)

Clinton gets first-hand brush with last-minute snag in self-rule deal

WASHINGTON (USIA) -Last minute snags are not rare in negotiting high-leve diplomatic agreements, but President Bill Clinton reminded his Middle Eastern guests Thursday that there is a certain amount of pressure involved when the obstacle pops up with television cameras already focused on the seigning table.

The snag, a senior adminis-tration official was quick to point out, involved a relatively minor language problem and did not threaten signing of the interim accord on Palestinian self-rule on the West Banka. But it did cause unusual interest in the de-tailed maps of the regino each of the leaderse imitalled, and it did delay the East Room signing ceremony hy

about 15 minutes. Mr. Clinton learned of the hang-up during a plenary session with the major players in the signing — Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, King Hussein, Egypt's President Hosni Muharak and Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat. Aides to Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat had been meeting in another room to hammer out final language on the timing of withdrawal of the Israeli Defence Force from the Hebron

"While the five-way discussion was going on," the official said, "Dennis Ross came in and informed the group thate a snag had been hit and said that Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat needed to caucus. They and Clinton adjourned to the president's private dining room where the problem. was laid out and the president stressed that it was very important, with the world waiting out there, to get this problem resolved."

The president left be two alone, and within eight minutes Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat settled the matter, making what the official termed "pen and ink changes" to the typed agreement. That led to an examination of the 26 detailed maps of the region spread out on the conference table of the Cahinet Room adjacent to

the Oval Office. "Clinton went through them," the official noted, "and remarked on the degree of detail involved; it brought home to him how much work these guys had done."

While the official refused

to give specifics on what caused the snag, he said it involved loosely-drafted language deliberately left uncler in Taba in the rush to finish the agreement last week. There was not really disagreement on the concept" of withdrawal, the official said. The wording was what they had to work their way through. My understanding is the wording was left unlear and they knew they would

have to work through it."
Perhaps fittingly, Mr. Clinton had been enthralled to hear details of the negotiations in Taba which led up to the accord, and of the very volved there. Mr. Rabin, the official said, "gave the presidnet a fairly dramatic description of last minute snags and how they had heen solved. At one point, the prime minister said he told (Foreign Minister Shimon) Peres, "this this thing done; the last thing I need to break the holiday (Jewish New Year) when I have to bring this to the Knesset." It gave the president a sense of the

atmosphere." Mr. Clinton and Mr. Rabin also met one-on-one to evaln-

ate what steps could be taken to move the Syrian negotiating track forward and "how to deal with some of the procedural issues that have prevented progress over the epast couple of months." In his 30-minute session with Mr. Arafat, Mr. Clinton emphasised to the Palestinian leader the need to end terror-

ism, both in terms of what the interim agreement provides and in terms of the perception with which the international community views a Palestinian entity. The president noting that extension of the U.S. legislation allowing financial aid to the Palestinians is pending in Congress, suggested that the degree to which Mr. Arafat satisfies the concerns of the legislature on terrorism could have an impact on the measure.

Mr. Arafat assured Mr. Clinton of his seriousness of purpose, the official said, and pointed out that violence in the region has been carried out against Palestinians favouring the peace process as well as against Israelis. He told Mr. Clinton, the official added, that he moving to undercut terrorism by hy educating Palestinians on the stakes involved in successful implementation of agreements with Tel Aviv, and that he has also increased security measures in areas already under control of the Palesti-

mian Authority. The official said Mr. Arafat's very presence with Mr. Clinton in the Oval Office represents an evolution" in U.S. relations with Palestinians; although Mr. Arafat had been in the office last with Mr. Clinton and Mr. Rabin, it marked the first time, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Arafat met hilaterally. "It

salute the bravery, the cour-

was a free-flowing discus-

sion," the official said. Most of the substantive discussion during the large meeting — the first time the leaders of the United Stastes, Jordan, egypt, Israel and the Palestinian Authority had been together in the same room - covered the situation in Bosnia, with Clinton's Muslim visitors ontlining their view of the conflict between the mostly Muslim Bosnian government and Serb separatists.

"There was an extensive exchange of views, "the official noted, "in terms of Muslim relations with the Europeans, with the United States, and their place in the world. It was qmte meaty, with a lot of participation from all of the parties." Mr. Clinton gave his guests a "detailed rundown" of the current negotiations aimed at a

ceasefire and a settlement. The five agreed on the importance of Mideast regional economic development and the contribution to that goal that could be made by the Amman summit meeting nextg month. They agreed on the need to create a Mideast development hank and discussed European objections to current plants for its structure and capita-

The luncheon which concinded the first day's working session, the official said, was "very animated and quite col-legial." He said the five had developed a degree of comfort with one another which allowed good-natured laughter at the loopholes each side detected in the other's negotiating positions. "It was the kidn of exchange," he said, "that couldn't have been im-

hy Prime Minister Sharif

agined a year ago."

Israelis said to seize Lebanon church land

SIDON (AP) - A Christian clergyman Friday accused Israeli troops of seeking to annex land on the Lebanese said Rev. Nader. The United Nations Inside of the border with Israel terim Force In Lehanon,

which belonged to his church. Rev. Nader Abi Nader, a Maronite Catholic priest in Tyre, said church officials have protested the Israeli action to United Nations observers in Sonth Lebanon who promised to look into it.

In a telephone interview from Tyre, some 40 kilometres south of Sidon, provincial capital of South Lebanon, Rev. Abi Nader said the Israelis had moved barbed wire that marked the Lebanese border in the western sector of the enclave they occupy in South Lebanon.

That, he said, put the land - some 10 hectares - in Israeli territory. New wiring was being set up at a location near Btaishe in the western sector of an

Israeli-occupied border enclave, be said. Ten days ago, Rev. Abi Nader added, Israeli bulldozers hegan plowing olive groves that had been dam-

aged by suspected arsonists two months earlier. There are fears of takeover and then annexation" of the land, he told the Associ-

ated Press. The land belongs to the Maronite hishopric of Tyre. Bishop Maroun Sader has gone to the border enclave. know as the "security zone," to try to get the Israelis out,

which has positions in the area, said it was investigating the claim. There was no immediate

comment from Israel. The Tyre hishop was quoted Friday by the inde-pendent Beirut newspaper Al Nahar as saying the church had complained to U.N. authorities in the south "for the sake of preserving the ownership of the property by all legal and international

Lebanse military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said it was too early to determine if the Israelis wanted to annex the land or were just clearing the burned trees to possibly set up a new military base.

Lebanon has repeatedly accused Israel of seeking to redraw the border to seize water resources located within the security zone.

Israel has denied the accusations, claiming it has no territorial ambitions in Lebanon.

It says the buffer it created in 1985 on some 1,100 square kilometres of Lebanese territory was intended to prevent cross-horder attacks on

Deal with Syria unlikely in 1996, Rabin is told

The Jerusalem Post

A WRITTEN assessment submitted recently to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by an official government organ contends that the stalemate in talks with Syria is real, and that the November 1996 U.S. election renders progress even less likely.

U.S. Secretary of State. Warren Christopher, however, said yesterday that the time may be ripe to nudge Syria toward peace with

A cabinet minister close to Rabin said he "generally agrees with the assessment and is in no hurry to initiate with Syria, especially in light of elections in Israel and the uncoming implementation of

the Oslo 2 agreement. "Rabin was sincerely and genuinely interested in a deal with Syria. In fact, as far as he was concerned there was a "Syria first" policy in 1993 and for most of 1994. Bntnow we are entering a crucial elec-tion year and given the obstacles in the talks with the Syrians, I don't see the gov-

that the agreement with the Palestinians has been signed. "The strategic advantages of a peace agreement with Syria are tremendous, but the public will not feel its immediate effects. Nor will the public be disadvantaged by

the absence of an agree-

ernment opening a second

political front, especially now

ment," the minister said. The report estimates that President Hafez Al Assad 'still shows no signs of urgency in reaching a deal with Israel. He helieves that Israel's security demands, as presented by Chief of General Staff Lieutenant-General Amnon Lipkin-Shahak to his Syrian counterpart in Washington last June, are tongh and uncompromising and are designed to ensure an Israeli military presence on the Golan Heights."

The report, a periodic assessment of regional developments, also contends that Assad realises the U.S. election is bound to eclipse the Middle East, and that President Bill Clinton will be unable in 1996 to get, the financial assistance an Israeli-Syrian deal may require.

Interviewed on NBC's Today show, Christopher said he expressed today's signing of the second-stage Israeli-Palestiman accord to give Syria new reasons to make

"I think it may be the moment to move on the Syrian track. I find that progress on one track tends to he said.

Christopher said he expects to visit the Middle East in the next two or three weeks to press for more progress toward a comprehensive

He did not say whether his next trip would be in con-junction with his previously scheduled attendance of an economie summit in Amman at the end of October or whether he would make a separate trip in advance.

Christopher rejected criticism hy his predecessor, James Baker, that the U.S. might not be moving aggressively enough to help bring about an Israeli-Syrian peace.

"In this situation the parties have to be ready," he said. "The Syrian party and the Israeli parties have not been ready... One has to have the sense of the time to move, the moment to move."

Baker said in an interview with Reuters this week that he believes a deal could be made between Israel and Syria, "but I don't think it will happen without some overall assertive diplomacy on the part of the U.S. in the form of presenting options, in trying to hreak some of the deadlocks involving the security question."

Clinton: Israel fully committed to accord

(Continued from page 1) dreams, we agreed about the realities.

"I think the best solution, and I am saying it with full respect to Chairman Arafat, will he a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation which would enable all Palestinians to be together and enable us to have those parts of the land important to our security demilitarised," Mr. Peres said.

Asked if there was any reality to Mr. Arafat's dream of a Palestinian state, Mr. Peres said: "I think this is part of his dream, (but) since we've spent so much time together. I know he too is convinced the real solution is a Jordanian-Palestinian framework reality, and this is what will happen in my

judgement.' After the signing of the transfer accord at the White House, Mr. Arafat, President Clinton and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin, along with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and King Hussein, issued a statement calling on Syria and Lebanon to join a compre-hensive Middle East peace.

They said early conclusion of peace treaties between Israel and both Syria and Lebanon "would be key steps toward their common goal of a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region." But Mr. Peres told CBS he

was not confident Syria and Lehanon would agree to comprehensive peace.

He said their "idea to con-

duct negotiations only between military people is a mistake. The idea to conduct the agenda just around the security issue... is another mistake. I think nobody should be timid about peace. We should have to talk about it on all levels and we have to cover all subjects."

Mr. Rabin said Friday Israel intends to pull out of six West Bank towns by the end of the year, but cannot commit to a firm date for completing withdrawal.

The pace of troop withdrawal depends on the construction of bypass roads for Jewish settlers, Mr. Rabin told Israel army radio in an interview from Washington.

"In the wording (of the agreement), there is no commitment although it is our intention" to complete withdrawal by 1995, Mr. Rabin

Mr. Rabin's remarks reflected a compromise he sion to the Israelis."

worked out with Mr. Arafat just before the signing of

heir agreement. "Arafat first demanded that Israel commit to a troop pullback from the West Bank towns of Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarem, Kalkiliya, Ramallah and Bethlehem by the end of

December, army radio said, Mr. Rabin refused to set such a deadline, telling Mr. Arafat all depended on how quickly settler bypass roads can be huilt around Bethlehem and Ramallah. Israel has said it hoped to complete the paving by the end of the

"I have a commitment to the settlers not to pull out of Ramallah and Bethlehem before there is an appropriate solution for their travel," Mr. Rabin said on army radio.

In a compromise, the two leaders settled for an Israeli 'intention" to withdraw from the six towns by the end of the year.

The agreement already stipulates that Israel has until March 30 to redeploy in the seventh city, Hebron, where 450 Jewish settlers live among 120,000 Palestinians. The starting date for a troop pullback remained un-

clear Friday.
Mr. Arafat said Thursday night that the withdrawal would start 10 after the signing ceremony, or around Oct.

However, Israeli officials have said the two sides had not yet agreed on a starting date for a troop withdrawal.

Palestinian opponents of the PLO-Israel accords staged sit-ins in Lebanon on

Fifty Palestinian members of popular committees which run refugee camps in the Tyre region of South Lebanon held a peaceful protest strike outside the offices of U.N. peacekeepers in the

port city. They also handed a U.N. peacekeeper a message addressed to U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali de-

nouncing the Taba accord.

Iran denounced the accord saying Mr. Arafat had betrayed his people and sold out to the Jewish state.

Mr. Yazdl, who was addressing the Friday prayers at Tehran University, said the deal "was doomed in advance, for it can solve nothing" and "each of its clauses represents a conces-

Egypt seeking return of Rusetta Stone from U.K.

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt may seek the return of the Rusetta. Stone from Britain to mark the 200th anniversary of the expedition which discovered the slab of basalt providing the key to deciphering

hieroglyphics. "Egypt is considering the possibility of asking UN-ESCO to intervene with Britain to enable the return of the Rusetta Stone to Egypt," Culture Minister Faruq Hosni told the Arab daily Al Hayat Friday.

The hlack basalt slah which is 114 centimetres long and 72 centimetres wide has been preserved in the British Museum in London since the 19th century.

It was uncovered during the 1798-1801 French expedition organised by Napoleon Bonaparte to Egypt by army captain Pierre Bouchard during building works in July 1799 near Rusetta, or Rashid, on the Mediterra-

nean. Inscribed in two languages,

Greek and hieroglyphics, as well as bearing the demotic script it carried a decree of Ptolemy V. Ephiphanes drawn up in 190 B.C. in commemoration of his accession to the throne.

The deciphering was the work of two men, Britain's Thomas Young followed by Frenchman Jean-Francois Champollion. Their painstak ing translations finally en-abled Egyptologists to unlock the secrets of the pharaous."

But a senior official from the antiquities department, Zahi Hawass, said there was no legal basis for an Egyptian claim.

"Although Egypt has a well-founded and legitimate desire to recover all its pieces from abroad, the agreement on the restitution of antiquities, signed in Rome last April, only gives us the right to recover items taken after 1972," he said.

"It would be better to try to recover the Rusetta Stone through goodwill," he said.

HUAZ RAILWAY TRAIN

....London (BA)

"People cannot continue to live in ivory towers and watch

(Continued from page 1) selflessness

more suffering, uncertainty and turmoil..."
"Egypt, with its weight and position in the hearts of all in our region, was there in times of war and was there to be

the first to move to establish peace. The Palestinians, our upheld their responsibility towards themselves and the generations to come and all their neighbours who will give them all the support (they) can in the times ahead, for their success will be

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· "I'd like to say how proud I am of this moment for both. (Egyptian) President (Hosni) Mnbarak," the King said of the signing of the Israel-PLO agreement, which he described as "another major step on the road to peace in. our area, in our part of the world, the cradle of civilisations, the birthplace of the three faiths. Ahrahamic religions, the land of the children of Abraham, and their chil-

dren and their descendants." "I would like to say how grateful we are for the consistence of thought we have received from our friends in the U.S., while listening to my colleagues speak I saw tears in the eyes for what they said and what I say come from their hearts. We'll never forget all that you've done for us and all that you will continue to do for us for we are partners in the casue of peace, and a better future for all peoples and certainly ours, a peace of the three, a peace that incorporates all cy, pluralism and respect for human rights, a peace that gives the generations to come the opportunity to huild and work together and share their experiences, having con-quered the fear of each other that separated them over so

many years.
"Both Arabs and Jews have suffered so much. Both come from the same origins, and over a long period of time, certainly my lifetime, there was much suffering and much loss, dear loss to us

Addressing president Clinton, the King said:

"These years when you have been at the helm of the great American nation have seen as coming closer together than we have ever been in terms of the trust, mutual respect, and... our relations, for we in Jordan are all friends of the U.S. of America. We have been comforted to know that you are with us through every moment in our endeavour to achieve peace, by your sup-port and understanding, commitment, enconragement, courage, and interest in that worthiest of causes. And I would recall your being with us, and Mr. Rabin and myself, the Jordanians and the

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Israelis, all our brethren in the area of Aqaba and Eilat. "When we saw the ratification of our peace treaty we will also remember the very moving coincidence, moving because ... Mrs. Clinton (was) with you on her birth-day that coincided with that day. That will remain in the minds of all of us and generations to come for all times. It has been a long way, it has

King: No losers in peace moral (and) physical, the faith, the determination of those who have come together today not for the first time, Israelis and Palestinians, in this major step on the path to peace and reconciliation and driving away the shadows of darkness and despair and anger.
"We have to be vigilant

because unfortunately there are the sceptics and enemies of peace. But may I venture that in our three great faiths and religions there is only one call that is predominant and it is the call of tolerance between hrothers and between peoples and respect for each other and for life and the fulfilment of our duties as

human beings in the worship of God. "I thank you very very much indeed."

"It is so wonderful to be among so many friends and familiar faces that have become more so every time we meet and every step we take towards the brighter, happier future which, God willing, will be achieved to the generations to come within our area and the world. I think that we are fortunate to have taken more than our share of the interest of the American people at particularly this time with the O.J. Simpson

On Friday, King Hussein met with Mr. Rabin and discussed with him preparations for the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit to be held in Amman in November and regional development projects which will help improve standards of living and contribute to enhancing security and stability.

Zeid Ben Shaker, Royal Court Chief Marwan Qasem, His Royal Highness Prince Ali Ben Al Hussein, His Royal Highness Prince Talal Ben Mohammad, Foreign Minister Ahdnl Karim Kabariti, Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Abul Ragheb, Minister of Planning Rima Khalaf and Jordanian Ambassador in Washington Favez Tarawneh.

On Wednesday, King Husfence Secretary William Perry the Jordanian armed forces' needs of modern military equipment and

Mr. Perry said the United States understands Jordan's needs, adding that some of these needs were under study by the U.S. Congress. The King and Mr. Perry

military meeting should be convened to conduct a comprehensive revision of Jordan's military requirements. During his visit to the U.S. Defence Department, the King was quoted as saying that the Taba agreement between Israel and the Palesti-

mians was bound to add more

agreed that a high-level joint

momentum to the peace pro-Asked to comment on the defection to Jordan last month of Iraqi General Hussein Kamel, the King said that Gen. Kamel and his party would stay in the Kingdom for the forseeable future and

would not go to any other

country. Mr. Perry was quoted as telling the press that Jordan's request for modern weapons was legitimate and the U.S. sought to work with Jordan in matters of mutual defence and in meeting the King-The meeting was attended dom's needs.

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By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Three people,

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were killed and 13 were

injured over the weekend,

in three separate road acci-

dents, according to Civil

On Thursday, in Hamra

town in Mafrao, two people

were killed and two more

were serionsly injured in a

road collision on the

Mafraq-Safawi highway,

According to the report,

Nations Relief and Works

Agency (UNRWA) have

repeal an article in its regu-

lations which allows for

imposing severe punish-

ment on employees who

speak to the press without

authorisation, sources said.

light of the agency's deci-

sion to fire the former dean

of the Educational Sciences

Faculty Izzeddin Manasrah

for publicly critisising

UNRWA for its decision to

The agency postponed for

one year the closure of the

college after Dr. Manas-

rah's protest, hnt also fired

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A labour committee rep-

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unlikely that UNRWA will

heed this demand in light of

recent remarks by senior

amendment to gag rule

mittees at the United employees should abide by regulations has received the support of a senior UNRWA employee, writer Zulaikha Abu Risbeh, who argued that Dr. Manasrah violated the agency's regulation and should have followed the contract which he had signed when he joined UNRWA.

Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan Friday opens the Amman Bac-

calaureate School's third annual festival. The one-day festival included a display

of items produced by charitable and handicraft centres, musical performances, a

show of traditional dresses by school students and a raffle. Revenues from the

event will go to the Jordan National Red Crescent Society's branch in Ma'an. Tak-

ing part in the festival were students from the Amman Baccalaureate School, dis-

abled children from Al Hussein Society, and members of the Young Women's Mus-

lim Association and Jordan's branch of the Regional Centre for the Welfare of the

Three people die in road accidents

occurred in the evening,

involved a truck and a vehi-

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report cited no details but

identified the victims as

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Also on Thursday in

Kafrabil town in Irbid, a

43-year-old man was killed

in a road accident, the

Abdul Hamid Ahmad was

killed instantly when the

tractor he was driving

rolled over and crushed him

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to death, the report said.

UNRWA labour panels demand

reports said.

"Even though the credit for saving the faculty from closure this year goes to Dr. Manasrah, and despite our sympathy with him as a colleague and a friend. .. he did violate the agency's regulations that ban any employee from talking about the agency and harming its interests or its reputation in the press," Ms. Abu Risheb said in an article published Al Rai Arabic

daily Friday. Ms. Abu Risheh added that all employees signed contracts with the agency, and accepted "to abide by its regulations no matter bow anachronistic or unfair

they are." She said many people share the view that Dr. Manasrah rusbed to the press and instigated it against the agency so that they can help his cause even though his case was a simple one that could have

By Chalia Alul officials defending the been resolved in court.

Special to the Tordan Times is Gagency's position on this case.

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"the first thing we had expected from (Dr. Manas-AMMAN - Labour com- UNRWA's stand that rah) is exploring the opportunities made available by democracy in a country that is in the process of building it: resorting to court and not escalating the case at the expense of other major issues whose importance

> Palestinian people... is something of which we are all aware," said Ms. Ahu Meanwhile, employees are optimistic that the agency would meet some of their other

and significance to the

Taybeb town of Karak were

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Jordan Times Friday that all

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CDD reports said.

demands concerning work conditions at the agency, a labour committee source He said a senior Viennabased UNRWA official has promised serious consideration of the workers'

demands for better terms for end of service compensation and salary increases. He said that the official announced that a special committee will visit Jordan

in October to study the work conditions and the employees demands. The workers earlier this month staged two sit-ins to

press their demands and threatened an open strike if the agency does not meet

Intellectual property rights group to set up regional patent office

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- The Arab Society for the Protection Intellectual Property (ASPIP) on Friday decided to establish an Arab regional patent office and set up a masters degree course in intellectal property rights (IPR) at a university affili-

ated with the Arab League. The decisions were taken at an ASPIP general meeting, which also reelected Talal Abu Ghazaleh, chief executive of a pan-Arab firm with the same name, as president of the ASPIP.

Work will start soon on setting up the Arab regional patent by 1996. The masters degree course in IPR will be established at a uniin Alexandria, Egypt, affiliated with the Arab League.

The ASPIP meanwhile also continued special worksbops/training courses in IPR as part of its annual meeting in Amman, the first time the gathering is being held in Jordan.

The focus of the meeting is a review of the laws and regulations pertaining to protection of IPR — copyrights, patents and trade-— in the Arab

The ASPIP is seeking to impress upon Arab govern-ments the need to bave effective laws to protect these rights and strict enforcement of the legisla-In a speech at the meet-

ing, Thomas Bombelles, assistant vice-president of Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA), called on the Jordanian government to revise the patent law to offer "adequate and effective" protection for pharmaceuticals.

He noted that as Jordan increased international investment and trade, strong IPR laws and enforcement were "a vital precondition for attracting foreign direct investment.'

Mr. Bombelles said PhRMA members were expected to spend almost \$15 billion on "innovative hiomedical research" this year, but a "major threat to the ability of the researcbpharmacentical industry to continue this progress is the lack of patent protection in many countries.'

While many countries have adopted pharmaceutical patent protection, others, including Jordan, have not done so, be said. Addressing the same

issue, Minister of Culture Samir Habashneh told the conference on Thursday that Jordan was fully committed to upgrading its laws and regulations governing

Mr. Habashneh noted that Jordan bad applied to join the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which stipulates strict IPR laws and enforcement of the legislation.

The government aims to circumstances under which the present situation harmonises with the legislative requirements stipulated in the agreement...," the minister said.

Noting also that Amman will host the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit next month, the minister added that "in order to provide the most proper environment that enables our future investments to grow, we bave developed our legislation, especially those relating to commercial dealings in general and to supporting the protection of intellectual property in particular... The central theme of the

ASPIP meeting, which is being held simultaneously with the annual conference of the Pharmaceutical Trademarks (PTMG), was emphasised hy Mr. Ahu Ghazaleh in a speecb to the general

The message that we need to send to our nohle leaders is that bonest businessmen and creative and capable Arabs will all benefit from strong intellectual property protection (and) the only losers will be cheap imitators, pirates and unethical businessmen," he said. "Strong intellectual protery protection must be adopted by our govemments; our role is to support them by informing our peers and the public of the issues and of the relevance of this issues to them.

Pressure groups seek to halt revamping of foreign labour market, says ministry

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Labour is coming under pressure from local groups to balt the revamping of the foreign labour market situation in the country since the Cabinet instructed the authorities to correct the problem, ministry Secretary General Saleh Tarawneb said Fri-

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, quoted Mr. Tarawneh as saying that the government shad given foreign workers until Oct. 25 to abide by the regulations, which require that they ohtain work permits, or the ministry would be forced to take measures against them.

Seminar to review |

governors' role in

AMMAN (Petra) - A two-

day symposium on the role

of municipal councils in

community development starts bere Sunday. The

symposium will discuss

such issues as role of the

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resources, in addition to the

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ment Society and munici-

pal councils in protecting

the environment. The sym-

posium, organised by the Institute of Public Admin-

istration in cooperation

with the Ministry of

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Mr. Tarawneb, who did not name the groups that were pressing the government against implementing the labour regulations, said Jordan's labour market requires 70,000 to 80,000 non-Jordanian workers to fill needs in specific jobs.

Minister of Labour Nader Abul Sba'ar last month said nearly 260,000 non-Jordanians are working in the Kingdom of whom only 42,000 hold valid work per-

20-000 non-jerdanians have been issued permits. Stressing that after the will not resort to collective deportation, Mr. Tarawneb said that instead, each case will be studied separately.

Mr. Tarawneh said the

government's moves are in line with agreements it had concluded with Arab countries, particularly Egypt. Those agreements require

a non-Jordanian to ohtain a work permit through the appropriate channels before coming to Jorgan, Mr. Tarawneh said.

Since the government Cableet's instructions; issued its Oct. 25 weadline either on the part of Any infringment on the abilier's instructions; employers or hon-Jordanian workers, would be a violation of the Jordanian deadline the government Labour Law, he warned.

He said any employer who violates these rules will face penalties. Mr. Tarawneh said that

non-Jordanians employed in jobs that could be held by citizens not only aggravates the unemployment problem, but causes losses to the state treasury because most of these foreign labourers consume hasic food supplies subsidised by the state and they transfer more than \$100 million annually to their

According to the government instructions non-Jordanians will not be permitted to be employed in the medical, engineering, administrative , financial, educational, and services sectors, nor as drivers, guards, office messengers or mechanics.

Mr. Tarawneh told the Jordan Times that in certain employment sectors, such as university faculties, non-Jordanians are issued work permits when there sufficient qualified staff are unavailahle.

Mr. Tarawneb said the Jordanian law empowers the ministry to depon a non-Jordnaian working ille-. gally, but be agains stressed/ ... that each cases will be processed separately after the Oct. 25 deadline.

JWU to provide free court representation, legal advice to disadvantaged women

By Lola Keilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Legal consultation and court representation will be provided for women in different parts of the Kingdom, as part of the Jordanian Woman's Union (JWU) legal awareness programme, according to JWU

president Asma Khader. Starting next week, some Jordanian lawyers will volunteer a few hours a week to meet with and give free legal advice to women at the lawyers' own offices, said Ms. Khader, herself an attorney.

This type of free court representation is the first

organised service of its kind to be offered in Jordan, and it will only he provided to indigent women, said Ms. Khader.

Many of these women's legal rights are violated because they cannot afford a lawyer, said Sawsan Ishaq, who offers legal consultation at JWU legal advice centres.

The volunteer lawyers will represent the women in all types of legal cases, including crime cases, said Ms. Khader.

"Society and families abandon and discriminate against a woman if she is accused of committing a

criminal act; nobody is

willing to support her, financially or morally" she said in explaining the need for the service. She added that the legal

awareness programme also includes a free 20-hour course, consisting of 10 lectures on legal rights over an unspecified period of time for interested groups of women, according to Ms.

The campaign also provides legal consultation over the telephone for women who prefer anonymity and who are unable to go to the lawyers' offices.

The new legal consultation and court representa-

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tion services are complementary to the JWU's Legal and Social Consultation Centres at the Baqa'a Camp and at Jabal Hussein.

The reason for the new move to bave lawyers give free consultation at their offices is because most of the women who would benefit from this service prefer to discuss their legal problems in the privacy of an isolated office, rather than at the centre which is more public and exposed, Ms.

Ms. Khader added that some male lawyers have also volunteered their services to the programme.

Zarqa women learning how to decide their political roles

Special to the Jordan Times Zarga — Participants in a

By Beatrix Immenkamp

two-day workshop on "Promoting women's active participation in political decision making" came away feeling that women should seek more opportunities to share their views on women's role in politics in Jordan and strive to acquire the skills to enter the political arena, according to Najda Bushnaq, the driving. force behind the workshop and main organiser of the

"We have a problem in that although women form more than 50 per cent of the population, they don't share in politics. At the moment, men take all the decisions for them. But in order to have a truly democratic system, women must bave an equal say in politics. With workshops like this one, women will learn how

to decide for themselves," said Mrs. Bushnaq, wbo has worked for women's rights in Zarqa over the last 20 years.

The workshop tried to fulfil the double aim of providing basic information about essential elements of the democratic political system prevailing in Jordan and to teach women certain personal skills that would strengthen their ability to take on an active political role, according to Josi Salem-Pickartz, director of the The Middle East Centre for Human Studies, coorganiser of the event.

"An important step on the road to women's active political participation is for them to strengthen their ability to articulate their views in public," she said. For that reason, organisers of the workshop tried to

strike a balance between

lectures on the political sys-

tem and group discussions

during which participants were given the opportunity to present and defend their It is important to not

only give information in the form of lectures, hut to discussion епсоцгаде among participants in small groups, in order for women to learn to talk and to express an opinion in front of a group of people." Mrs. Josi Salem-Pickartz said. Laila Taha Sultan Murad,

president of a local organisation, women's stressed the importance of the experience of cooperation among women during the worksbop. Women's lack of trust in

each other was defined by a beence of women as participants and discussions and support from political participation of women's organisations; a women in Jordanian poli-

Participants identified a series of additional cultural, economic and legal obsta-

financial independence, exacerbated by a joh market that offers more job opportunities for men; discriminatory inheritance patterns, which often deprive women totally of their share in inheritance; the multitude of a woman's obligations in the home; too many children in close succession; the lack of selfconfidence many women suffer from, partly seen as the result of early discrimination between boys and girls in the family; the lack of appreciation of women in the culture as a whole;

lack of education for women and men about women's rights; discriminatory citizensbip laws, which do not confer on a woman the right to pass her nationality on to her busband and children; a lack of knowledge about women's rights within marriage and a strong adherence to tradi-

worksbop was attended by 35 women from different walks of life and a bandful of interested men, including a local religious leader.

Mrs. Bushnaq called on the men present at the workshop to actively participate in changing old rules and traditions which hinder women's participation in political decision making.

The event was sponsored by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, a German political organisation promoting development. According to the organisers, a series of similar workshops are in

FRANCO-ARAB FILM FESTIVAL

French-Egyptian film "Alexandrie, Always and Always," at Concord Cinema

Display of Algerian products at Amman nternational Exhibit at Marj Al Hamam (11:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.)

EXHIBITIONS

*Photography exhibition "Islam in Spain" at Instituto Cervantes, Jabal Amman

"Beneath the Waves," photographs on Aqaba underwater life by Julia Reinholt at The Gallery, Hotel InterContinental.

 Jordanian-Syrian-Turkish products at King Abdullah Gardens, Al Bassam Hall.

 Works by Lamia Abdel Sahib and Samer Ousama entitled "Aux Sources Orientales de la Fontaine," at the French Cultural Centre.*

* Works by artist Ghazi 'Asayrah at the Housing Bank Complex Gallery.

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 Seminar (in Arahic) entitled "Journalism and Educational Journalism" with particiation of Mohammad Rimawi and Adnan Mdanat at the Phoenix Gallery for Culture and Art at 7:00 p.m.

North said to have missiles near border with S. Korea

North Korea has deployed bundreds of long-range missiles capable of carrying nuclear or chemical warbeads near the border with South Korea, the South's air force chief of staff said

General Kim Hong-Nae told parliament's Defence Committee the Communist North posed a serinus military threat to the South by deploying more than 600 Frog rockets and Scud mis-

lt was not clear from the general's remarks whether the deployment was a recent development.

The Snuth Korean capital Seoul is within range of Frog rockets while Scud missiles could reach every corner of the south, he said.

"Should the North attack (the South) with the missiles loaded with nuclear or cbemical warheads, it would have serious military consequences," Gen. Kim

told the committee. But Gen. Kim said his air force had taken steps to cope with any North Korean attack, including plans to strike the North's tactical ballistic missile bases, command posts and communications facilities.

He said combined South Korea-U.S. forces were using three satellites to monitor North Korea and monthly exercises were conducted as part of the

North Korea has strengthened its already-massive

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military equipment and never to hear from their rel-facilities, most of them atives again because contact underground, according to the South Korean Defence

Ministry. The ministry said the North had successfully testfired a Rodnng-1 missile with a range of 1,000 kilometres and was developing the Daepodong-1 and 2 missiles capable of striking major targets in north East Asia, including Japan. It also maintains production of chemical weapons.

About 655,000 Snuth Korean troops, bolstered by some 37,000 U.S. forces, face the North's 1,040,000strong army across the world's last cold war border which was set up at the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

South Korea's foreign minister appealed Thursday to the North to embrace hnman rights and abandon nuclear weapons aspirations. The comments drew a sharp rebuttal from North Korea.

"My government strongly believes that the people in North Korea, as our kindred, should enjoy the fundamental human rights to which all of us are enti-South Korean Foreign Minister Gong Ro-

Myung said. Mr. Gong told the U.N. General Assembly his country was particularly concerned about families divided by the 1950-53 Korean

Ten million Koreans were

S. Korean students clash with

police; thousands march in support

was prohibited between the Koreas, he said.

"It is high time for the community of nations, particularly the United Nations, to render their assistance and do their part for these divided families to at least hear from each other until they are finally united," Mr. Gong said.

Mr. Gong alsn urged North Korea to abide by the nuclear nnn-proliferation treaty and its nuclear pact with the United States.

"The North Korean nuclear issue remains a paramount security concern for north East Asia and the world." be said.

Mr. Gong's comments prompted a withering exchange between North Korean and Sonth Korean representatives during a General Assembly rebuttal session Thursday evening.

North Korean representa-tive Choe Tong U accused Mr. Gong of "ignorance" and said "he attempted to hurl mud at us and mislead the world public.

Mr. Choe said South Korea put its own prohibitions on family contacts with the North and said its nnclear agreement was with the United States only.

"South Korea has no say on the nuclear issue," Mr. Choe said, "They just better sit quiet and lonk what is going on.

South Korean representaseparated from their fami-lies during the war, many rebutted what be called the tive Kyu Hyung Lee

country's human rights record and saying North Korea had drawn international condemnation over suspected nuclear

weapons programme. Under the 1994 agreement, North Korea said it would shut down its nuclear programme, which is suspected of trying to produce nnclear weapons.

"Maintaining peace and stability on the Korean peninsula is ont just an issue affecting 70 million Koreans, but also a strategic issue with crinical implications for the north East Asia region and the world at large," Mr. Gong said earli-

Mr. Gong spoke as North and Sonth Korea held talks on food aid for the floodstricken North. In a historic first for the two Koreas, the South agreed in June to provide its poor neighbour with 150.000 tons of free rice.

In a swipe at France, which resumed nuclear testing in the South Pacific this fall, Mr. Gong urged "those nations with future plans for testing to cancel them without delay.'

Mr. Gong also announced that South Korea will impose a one-year moratorium on exports of anti-personnel land mines.

Human rights organisations are campaigning for a global ban on land mines, which, according to the United nations, kill or maim more than 20,000 civilians a

Indian Congress wants April elections

NEW DELHI (R) ---India's Election Commission said Thursday after a meeting with the country's political parties that the ruling Congress Party wanted the next parliamentary elections to be held in the second half of

April. Elections must be held by mid-1996 and a new, lower house of parliament must be in place by July 8. "The (ruling) Indian National Congress and the (opposition) Janata Party wanted the poll to be held sometime in the second

half of April, 1996," the Election Commission said in a statement after the allparty meeting on elections. But Chief Election Commissioner T.N. Seshan told a news conference that the commission bad the constitutional power to bold elections any time

after Jan. 7, marking six

months from the last possi-

ble date for a new parliament to be constituted. Election The Commission would consider factors like annual school examinations before deciding on the date, Mr. Seshan said.

India is scheduled to hold the World Cnp Cricket Championship in February and March and Election Commission officials bave said they would consider the implications of the tournament.

Doubts had expressed over an April date because it was thought that the cricket-loving nation, also the world's biggest democracy, would find it difficult to inggle the logistics of the tournament with poll campaigns. The commission would

consider the opinion of all parties, but take its own decision, Mr. Seshan said. "after seventh January, we are competent to recommend elections any time."



Shirley Baker, sister of O. J. Simpson, talks to the press at the Criminal Courts building in Los Angeles. Along with Mrs. Baker are (from left) Simpson's sister, Carmelita Durio; Benny Baker, Mrs. Baker's husband; Eunice, Simpson's mother, in wheelchair; Arnelle, daughter of Simpson, and Jason, Simpson's son (AFP photo)

Simpson jury to get case after passionate arguments

jury in the "trial of the century" of star athlete O.J. Simpson, which has gripped television audiences around the world, was due to get the case Friday after impassioned closing arguments by both sides.

Simpson's lead defence attorney Johnnie Cochran, in an appeal to the panel of nine blacks, two whites and one Hispanic which sounded as much like the exhortations of an Evangelist as the reasoned arguments of a lawyer, said Thursday they must find the athletic legend not guilty.

Mr. Cochran's colleague, Barry Scheck, an expert on the highly complicated subject of scientific DNA testing, tried to show that blood evidence in the case bad either been planted by police or contaminated by shoddy laboratory proce-

The final setting on a

stage that has captured the imagination and attention of millions since the June 12, 1994, murders of Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend. Ronald Goldman, bas unfolded over the last three defence have sought to sway the hearts and minds men who will decide the fate of the man wbo became an American icon.

Simpson, whose fame on the American fonthall field was followed by a career as an actor, sportscaster and TV pitchman, has pleaded innocent to the vicious stabbing murders ontside his ex-wife's home.

Prosecutor Marcia Clark was scheduled to address the jury to rebut the emo-At the centre of the tinnal arguments of Mr. Cochran and the more measured, scientific theories of Mr. Scheck. Judge Lance

panel its final instructions. Mr. Cochran closed ont his discourse uttering the same rbyming couplet he started with — "if it doesn't fit, you must acquit" — a reference not only to the bulk of the prosecution's evidence but to its most embarrassing moment, when Simpson was asked to put on the bloody evidence gloves and appeared to

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struggle in do so. Summoning up all the fire and brimstone of a revival preacher, Mr. Cochran Thursday detailed what he said was a vast conspiracy led by a racist rogue cop to frame Simpson for a crime he did not commit.

He told the mostly black jury they could strike a blow against racism and police corruption by returning a not guilty verdict. 'Stop this cover-up" Mr. Cochran implored.

But outside the courtroom, Fred Goldman, the days as prosecutors and the father of murder victim Ron Goldman, exploded with anger at Mr. Cochran. "He of the 10 women and two suggests...that it's because of racism we should put aside all other thoughts, all other reason, and set his murdering client free," Mr. Goldman said. "He's a sick

man." In a summation laced with references to the U.S.constitution, the Magna Carta and the Bible, Mr. Cochran accused police of falsely

implicating Simpson in "a rush to judgment."

alleged plot, Mr. Cochran placed now-retired detective Mark Fuhrman, whom he likened to Adolf Hitler and called a "lying, perjuring, genocidal racist. Mr. Cochran reminded

jurors that the white detective lied under oath when be said he had not uttered the racial epithet "nigger" in the past 10 years, only to be contradicted by excerpts of taped interviews with an aspiring screenwriter. Mr. Cochran went a step

further, accusing Mr. Fuhrman of planting the bloody glove he testified to finding at Simpson's estate, and of stamping a bloody shoe print in Simpson's Ford Bronco. He said the conspiracy also encompassed other officials. Mr. Cochran urged jurors

to throw out all of the crucial prosecution evidence he says was tainted by conspiracy, which would effectively gut the state's case. We believe that you will do the right thing and find this man not guilty."

As be ended his nationally televised summation. Cochran challenged Ms. Clark to answer 15 questions be said proved "reasonable doubt Simpson's guilt.

And in a final appeal, Mr. Cochran stood in front of a family portrait and intoned: "Someone bas taken these children's mother. I hope your decision doesn't take their father."

Simpson faces up to life in prison if convicted.

Gambia bans skin-bleaching in civil service

BANJUL (R) - Military leaders in the west African state of Gambia have banned the practice of skin-bleaching in the civil service, threatening disciplinary action against anyone found indulging in the practice. A government memo, which denounced skin-bleaching on health grounds, said there had been an upsurge in the practice, particularly among women civil servants. "These ladies are expected to set a better Particularly example: those in the bealth and education sectors." according to the circular, which was sent to all heads of ministries and government departments. The armed forces Provisional Ruling Council condemned the practice shortly after it seized power in July 1994. At its last meeting, council expressed concern that althnugh skin bleaching had noticeably declined, there is now increasing evidence of the practice, the memn, from the office of military leader Yahya Jammeh, said. A range of skin lightening products are available across west Africa but doctors advise against using them on the grounds that they can damage the skin. The memo did not specify what disciplinary action would be

Missing tortoise turns up after 35 years

LYDE, England (AFP) -Thirty-five years after Cbester disappeared from his master's back garden, the escaped tortoise has turned up no more than metres from bis original borne. Chester was discovered last week ambling along a verge in this central English village by local resident Flossie Massbder, who cleaned him up and set out to track down his owner. Malcolm Edwards, 44, who still lives in his boybood home 150 yards from where Chester was found, recognised his long lost pet immediately because of the white paint Mark his father had put on the Shell in 1960 to make the creature easier to spot in the grass. Edwards was eight years old when Cbester joined the family menagerie of rabbits, an owl, a magpie and goldfisb. George Cooper, the local vet wbo examined Chester after his reappearance, said it was perfectly feasible the tortoise could have survived in local woodland all those years. "He would have had food in abundance, including dandelions, fruit, grass and vegetables," be told journalists. Edwards said he boped Chester "might decide to stay a little longer this time."

Chinese party purges former Beijing chief; approves five-year plan BEIJING (AP) - China's mitted suicide just as he was Deng.

purged a powerful colleague for corruption Thursday but bonoured the tradition of sparing him criminal punishment.

The Central Committee stripped former Beijing party secretary Chen Xitong of his seats in both the committee and the elite, policymaking politburo, and rec-ommended kicking him from the national legisla-Mr. Chen is the highest-

ranking leader to be brought down in a more than twoyear-old anti-corruption drive the party hopes will clean up its tainted public

But Mr. Chen's fall also is believed to be linked to backstage power politics as party leaders manoeuvre for primacy in anticipation of the death of the ailing senior leader, 91-year-old Deng Xiaoping.

Mr. Chen. 65, rose through local party ranks to become mayor and party secretary of the nation's capital, allowing him to work closely with the central government and party leaders and eventually win posts in top party organs. His uncompromising stance toward the 1989 Tiananmen Square pro-democracy pro-

testers boosted his standing. His fall from grace came abruptly in April wben a

Communist Party leaders about to be exposed for embezzling \$35 million in public funds.

Mr. Chen, who was promoted from mayor to Beijing party secretary in 1992, resigned sonn after. In a communique released

at the end of a closed-donr, four-day meeting, the Central Committee said Mr. Chen "serinusly neglected his duty and held a grave responsibility" for Wang's wrongdoings.
The committee said Mr.

Chen alsn "led a dissolute, extravagant life, abused his power to seek illegal interests for his relatives and accepted valuable gifts for his own use. ... His mistakes are serious." The committee statement,

summarised by the official Xinhua News Agency, said that the party's investiga-tion into Mr. Chen would continue but made no mention of a criminal investigation. A party investigator told reporters several months ago that officials were considering handing Mr. Chen over to police.

The party traditionally punishes its members internally and subjecting Mr. Chen to legal prosecution would bave been a strong statement of determination to root ont endemic corruption. Its failure to do so bolstered the belief that his real mistake was opposing party former protege, Deputy General Secretary Jiang Mayor Wang Baosen, com- Zemin's bid to succeed Mr.

The national television news showed the Central Committee members, gathered in a hotel auditorium decorated with red flags and a hammer and sickle, raising their right arms to approve the communique. Mr. Chen was not shown on screen and it was not known if he attended.

Xinhua said 176 committee members, 125 alternate members and numerous non-voting party officials attended.

The committee did not reveal details of Mr. Chen's alleged corruption. Mr. Wang allegedly spent the funds be embezzled on his relatives, friends and mistresses. The party investigator said officials were trying to sort out which funds were stolen by Mr. Wang and which by Mr. Chen.

In other actions, the Committee Central approved a five-year plan to guide China's economy through the last years of the century.

The communique said the plan will see China meet the goal set by senior leader Deng Xiaoping in 1980 of quadrupling gross national product by the year 2000. "Poverty will be basically

eliminated (and) the people's life will reach a relatively comfortable standard." the communique

Man jailed for abusing cow COLOMBO (AP) - A

suburban court in the capital has sentenced a man for having sexual relations with a cow, a police official said. Weerasangilige Siriwardhana, 30, a bachelor who earned his living as a daily wager, was given a suspended sentence of three months imprisonment, and fined 1,500 rupees (\$29) by magistrate Maheshi Gunatilleke. He had pleaded guilty to the charge of "having an unnatural relationship with a cnw," said a police official, who spoke no condition of anonymity. Mr. Siriwardhana had been discovered with the animal in the cow owner's back yard. The owner filed a complaint against Mr. Siriwardhana after the incident occurred last November in Migahawatta, near Colombo. Mr. Siriwardhana was also convicted by the court for raping a woman in the same neighbourhood two weeks before he was caught with the cow. For that, he was given another three months in jail.

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The attack by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels, who are fighting for an independent homeland for minority Tamils in the island's north and east, began late Thursday night and lasted till the early bours of said. Friday, military sources Analysts said the LTTE

attack appeared to part of its campaign to pin down the eastern garrisons to prevent away," be warned. them from joining a major peninsula, expected to be hampering army operations launched before the start of October monsoon rains.

It also followed what been killed in the 12-yeardiplomats said may have old war.

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One student suffered burns on his face when a firebomb hit a nearby tree uing violence to demand and exploded. But with both punishment for two former sides keeping their distance, no other injuries were

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Doo-Hwan and Rob Tae-Wnn for their alleged roles in the deaths of more than with police. As some 200 students Thursday chanted and sang

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SEOUL (AP) — Hundreds Molotov cocktails dotted

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Some 1,000 students also

sands more injured during a crackdown on a pro-democ-racy uprising in May, 1980. Students have vowed more protests if the bill does

An umbrella group of student councils said that 80 out of some 120 four-year universities nationwide will take part in a two-day boycott of classes to increase Instead of going to classes

Friday and Saturday, they have called for mass rallies and demonstrations. Some 15,000 police have been deployed in Seoul, and security beightened at the legislature and other govemment buildings.

Dozens more students are on a week-long hunger marched in downtown strike, and thousands of teachers and professors have signed demanding a special law be

Flickering fire from the ple were killed and thou-Rebels kill 22 policemen in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (R) — Tamil been a signal from the army guerrillas killed 22 Sri Thursday that the war was Lankan policemen in an hotting up in Jaffna. apparent bid to undercut an Brigadier Sarath expected government offen- Munasinghe, the chief milisive after the army warned tary spokesman, told a news civilians to stay away from conference Thursday that rebel bases, military sources the army was planning to intensify its attacks on ltte

An army spokesman cnnbases on Jaffna. Brig. Munasinghe also conceded that air force firmed the attack on the Kalkudah police post in the eastern district planes may have killed 70 of Batticaloa, saying his inforpeople in last week's bombings in Jaffna and asked mation indicated 15 policemen were killed but adding civilians to keep away from that the death toll could rise. Tamil Tiger bases to avoid "Terrorists came in large numbers," he told Reuters.

future casualties. The London-based human rights group Amnesty International said Monday that some 800,000 civilians were at risk of being caught in the crossfire between the LTTE and the army.

"We reiterate one thing in appeals made hitherto by us to civilians in Jaffna, please keep away from LTTE bases, processions and ceremonies," Brig. Munasingbe

"We are attacking the

LTTE. We have to do that. Therefore, we are only requesting very kindly to the civilians, kindly keep Brig. Munasinghe said the offensive on the Jaffna large civilian presence was

in the region where more

than 50,000 people have

"If we are, ont concerned with this factor then we can go on bombing and shelling," he said. "But we are not doing it and we are not going to do it."

ren, apparently killed in last week's air raids, may have been LTTE members. "We know the LTTE have taken over many school buildings to make them their bases. The LTTE has also conscripted children,

He said the schonlchild-

soldier, if they fire on us, I am bound to respond with fire," he said. The remarks raised evebrows among diplomatic

10 and 12 years old. As a

"Is this a warning that the offensive is starting?" Wondered one senior diplomat. "There have been conflicting signals recently, but this one sounds like they mean business."

Some diplomats and analysts bad speculated earlier that the army's widelyexpected offensive on the LTTE bases could be running out of time as imminent October rains may bog down the conventional army against the fleet-foot-

ed guerrillas.
"It looks more and more remote with each new day," said a senior diplomat Thursday. "The campaign is running nut of time."

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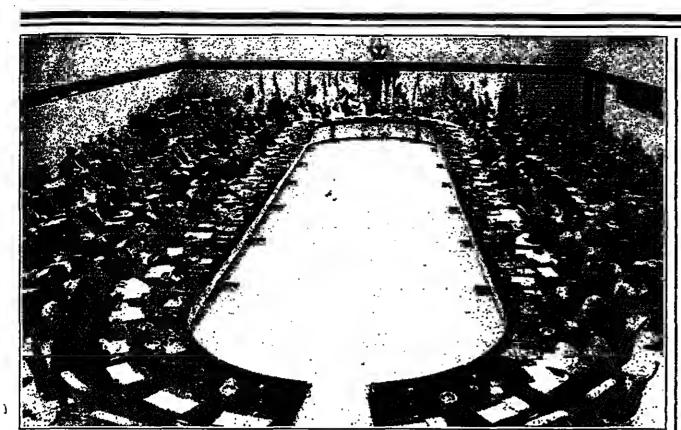
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North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) ambassadors meet at the alliance's headquarters in Brussels (AFP

Russia rejects NATO enlargement eastwards

BRUSSELS (R) — Russia he said. implacably opposed to NATO's plans to extend its security umbrella right up to the country's western borders, Russia's ambassador to Brussels, Vitaly Churkin said.

"What we have seen so far is not enough for us to change our minds about the prospects of NATO enlargement. Feelings are very strong about this in Russia," Mr. Churkin said as he left a meeting between NATO and more than 20 members of the alliance's partnership for peace programme.

NATO presented its enlargement plan, which extends the nuclear umbrella eastwards and reserves the right to position troops and weapons in the region if necessary, to the partners Thursday.

Mr. Churkin told reporters Russia was firmly against

We are still against it. The matter has not been thought through in the context of overall European security,"

Earlier Alliance Secretary General Willy Claes tried to smooth ruffled Russian feathers by saying NATO would remain a defensive military alliance and threaten no one when it takes in

new members from former

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Communist East Europe. "NATO will remain a purely defensive alliance, whose fundamental purpose is to preserve peace in the Euro-Atlantic area, in the interest of all and to provide security for its members. A larger NATO will threaten no one," he said.

Mr. Claes said, however, new members would enjoy all the rights and assume all obligations of NATO membership, confirming the likely extension of the nuclear umbrella up to Russia's borders.

"New members will be expected to share the roles, risks, responsibilities, costs and benefits of member-ship," Mr. Claes told the

Mr. Claes said NATO officials in their respective

enlargement would be a par-

allel process and would complement the planned enlargement of the European Union and take place at the same time as efforts to build a special relationship with Russia. "The alliance is striving to

develop a stable, strong, active and constructive relationship with Russia as one cornerstone of a new, inclnsive and comprehensive security structure Europe," he said. Mr. Claes repeated

NATO's assertion that Alliance expansion would underpin the new democracies of Eastern and Central Europe. Only countries with democratic civilian control of the armed forces would be considered suitable, he

Countries interested in joining the Alliance, led by Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic and the Baltic states, will follow up the meeting with more detailed discussions with NATO

capitals.

In an apparent concession to Moscow, the enlargement plan stresses that extension of the nuclear umbrella will not happen automatically, but it reaffirms the nuclear doctrine as the "supreme guarantee" of the security of Alliance states.

The supreme guarantee of the security of the allies is provided by the strategic nuclear forces . of the Alliance," it states, later

"NATO should retain its existing nuclear capabilities with the right to modify its nuclear posture as circumstances warrant." Defence sources say that

message will be "received loud and clear" in Moscow. "Whatever happens, the

nuclear umbrella is extended to the new countries. Weapons do not have to be on their territory for that, but they could be and that is of course what these states want," "said one NATO

Anti-terrorism plan imposed on French Polynesia

PAPEETE, Tahiti (R) — I have started a few days France has clamped emergency "anti-terrorism" measures on French Polynesia and some Papeete residents have hired security guards. fearing more violence after a second nuclear test which is expected within days.

The Vigipirate plan, first used in 1986 when Paris was besieged by a wave of Middle East-related bombings, has stepped up the police and army presence on the streets of the Tahitian capital, a French high commission spokesman told Reuters Thursday.

"Vigipirate is a great mobilisation of police and army forces against terrorsaid spokesman Emmanuel Martin.

A letter from the high commissioner of the French territory dated Sept. 25 and received by business leaders Thursday said Vigipirate was imposed "a few days ago" after they requested

better protection. "I am glad to let you know ago, armed forces are carrying out missions for which they have been specifically trained," wrote Anne Boquet on behalf of the

commissioner.

"As far as the security is concerned in the town of Papeete, re-inforced patrols are going through the street, night and day to ensure a deterrent force...and they also represent a capacity for intervention," wrote Ms. Boquet, the commissioner's secretary. Renters received a copy of the letter.

Mr. Martin bowever denied the plan was imposed in Tahiti out of fears that the next nuclear test will again spark riots in the capital. Riots scarred Papeete after testing resumed on Sept. 5.

He said the plan was imposed here under a recent order that Vigipirate be extended across France and all its territories to guard against an escalation of terrorist bombings that have

Reinforcements bave brought to more than 800 the number of gendarmes now deployed in and around Papeete, compared with barely 300 or so police during the riors.

On Thursday trucks of Gendarmes and anti-riot police patrolled Papeete's rain-soaked streets or were stationed where crowds gathered, such as a trade fair on the outskirts of town. The high commission said

security in Tahiti was "softer" here than in metropolitan France, but local husiness leaders welcomed Vigipirate, saying it met their request for protection.

"Now we have the Vigipirate plan...The army and police are working together to give protection to the people," said Dr Charles Fichter, president of the Civil Protection Association.

"I think it is a good thing for us and I hope in future the city is much more protected than the first time," Dr. Fichter said.

The association was formed after the violence of the first test which saw Papeete burned and looted in a 36-hour baule between rock-throwing rioters and

Dr. Fichter has boarded np

the windows and door to his surgery in downtown Papeete. "Some shopowners are protected by vigilantes, but it's private protection," he said. There are about six or

seven "vigilante" groups, consisting of five or six bodyguards, he said.

Residents fear that if violence erupts again rioters may target residential homes because of the big police and army presence in the city centre, he added. "The people are scared,"

said shopkeeper Mairie Wilson, who has hired private bodyguards. "There are echoes it might start up again," she said from inside ber dress shop which had newly-erected iron bars on all its windows.

Mercenaries take control of Comoros

NAIROB1 (R) - A mercenary force led by French soldier of fortune Bob Denard took power in the Friday after Comoros crushing poorly-equipped government soldiers

overnight, residents said. The residents, contacted by telephone from Nairobi, said a new roling military committee headed by a Captain Kombo appealed to residents in a radio broadcast to remain calm. It promised swift justice for former government officials in the Indian Ocean archipelago.

The little-known Capt. Kombo also promised pluralist elections as soon as possible.

"Kombo came on our national radio and announced that his forces had taken power after defearing defeating government forces in the night," said Ali Said Athouman, a director at the Comoros Chamber of Commerce told Reuters.

He added: "Kombo also said his forces had rounded up government troops and locked them up in the main barracks. They are also going round honses picking up government ministers and officials."

The takeover came shortly after France said it had put its armed forces in the Indian Ocean on alert after the Denard mercenaries staged a copp bid in the Comoro Islands.

But a Defence Ministry spokesman said there were no immediate plans to intervene in the former French

"The alert is automatic as soon as there is trouble in the area. There are no plans for intervention at this point," be said. The Comoros government

had appealed to France to belp restore order under a defence accord with its former colony. The French defence

spokesman said Paris had a 130-man Foreign Legion combat company Mayotte, a nearby Comoro Island which chose to remain French when the archilepago declared independence in 1975.

It has more troops on the Indian Ocean island of La Reunion, as well as a helicopter-carrying frigate, a transport ship and two 400tonne gunboats.

The ships could reach Comoros in 48 hours if President Jacques Chirac ordered an intervention.

The Comorian embassy in Paris denied government troops had surrendered but Mr. Athouman said the mercenary group was firmly in

"They (mercenaries) are all over the streets. There is no government soldier in sight" he said.

Mr. Althonman said fighting had stopped in the capital Moroni

The coup bid started early Thursday when the rebels led by Denard, a former head of the Comoros Presidential Guard, seized President Said Mohammad Djohar.

They later captured the radio station and the airport. South Africa said Friday it was consulting with the French anthorities over the latest situation on the Comoros, where mercenary soldiers had staged a coup.

"Our first concern is for the welfare of the South Africans on the islands and we are consulting with the French authorities on an ongoing basis in order to establish the latest facts," a Foreign Ministry spokeswoman said.

South African tour operators and the Foreign Ministry said 104 South Africans and 40 Europeans, mainly Germans, had been due to leave the islands Thursday but their flight was cancelled because of the coup.

They were now expected

to leave Saturday.
The Foreign Ministry said South African authorities would investigate a report on state radio in Johannesburg that the mercenaries had apparently flown with their weapons to the Comoros from South Africa.

"As far as the allegations are concerned, these will be fully investigated by the relevant South African authorities," the spokeswoman

"Our statement on mercenaries is very clear. We do not condone them at all," she said.

The South African Broad-Corporation Friday quoted "mercenary (SABC) unnamed sources" as saying the coup plotters were flown from South Africa.

It quoted the sources as saying a man hy the name of Gibert had been recruiting mercenaries in South Africa in recent weeks.

Photos show Andreotti with mafia businessman

ROME (R) — An Italian magazine published photographs Friday of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, who is on trial for mafia association, in the company of a mob-tainted businessman he claims he never knew.

The two pictures in the weekly Panorama magazine show the seven-times former premier in the same room as Nino Salvo, who with his cousin Ignazio Salvo beaded tax collection

agencies in Sicily. Sicilian magistrates determined that the consins, whose virtual monopoly on tax collection in parts of the island gave them immense power, had close links to the

Ignazio Salvo was killed in a mafia ambusb in 1992. Nino Salvo died a natural death.

Mr. Andreotti says be did not know the Salvo cousins, who were among the most dreds of other people at a years of collusion.

powerful men in Sicily and benefactors of the Sicilian wing of his Christian Democratic Party.

One of the two photographs shows Nino Salvo just behind Mr. Andreotti as the statesman was entering the lobby of Palermo's Zagarella Hotel in 1979 for a political rally.

The other photo, taken on the same day, shows Nino Salvo about one metre away from Mr. Andreotti in the same lohhy.

Mr. Andreotti said he had seen the pictures several years ago when magistrates first levelled charges against him. There is nothing new here to support the prosecution's claims," he said in a statement on the magazine report

The 76-year-old life senator, whose trial opened in political rally does not prove that they were acquainted.

Magistrates who are prosecuting Mr. Andreotti on mafia charges say it would have been impossible for Mr. Andreotti not to know the Salvo cousins. One mafia turncoat, Bal-

dassare Di Maggio, alleges Ignazio Salvo was also present at a meeting between Mr. Andreotti and Salvatore "Toto" Riina in 1987 when the "boss of bosses" was still at large. Mr. Andreotti denies the meeting took

The cousins had close links to Salvo Lima, a European parliamentarian who was the leader of a wing of Mr. Andreotti's party in Sicily. He was killed by the mafia in 1992.

A magistrates report said the Sicilian capital last Lima was killed because he Tuesday, says the presence stopped protecting organof Nino Salvo among bun- ised crime's interests after

According to magistrates, the Salvo cousins also helped organise the murder in 1979 of Mino Pecorelli, a muck-raking journalist who was about to publish sensitive information about the Democratic

Christian

Party's financing methods. The prosecution alleges mafia ordered Pecorelli's killing as a favour to Mr. Andreotti. In a recent book outlining his defence, Mr. Andreotti says: "I bad very little to do with Pecorelli".

The Andreotti trial resumes on Oct. 6 when the judge is due to rule on-a defence request to move the proceeding to Rome or the central Italian city of Perugia, where the Pecorelli case will be heard.

Mr. Andreotti bas denied all charges against him as a mafia plot to punish him for crackdowns on crime by governments be headed.

Japan coalition official calls for April election

TOKYO (R) — A top offi-cial in the party headed by using baseball terrus. end of the regular six-month doomsday cult that include parliament session. a poison gas attack on the cial in the party headed by Trade Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto urged Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama to step down by next April to make way for a

provisional government headed by Mr. Hashimoto, a Japanese daily reported Friday.

Mr. Hashimoto should then call general elections, said Taku Yamasaki, head of policy affairs for the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), the higgest group in Mr. Murayama's ruling coali-

"The pitcher should retire from the mound and come back to the bench after com-

"In this case, the end of a complete game is when the annual budget passes through parliament (by the end of March)," he told the daily Sankei Shimbau. Since Mr. Hashimoto's

election last week as head of the LDP, Tokyo political circles have been awash with talk of a possible breakup of the three-way coalition and early general elections. The earliest date for snap

polls is December, after Japan hosts the Nov. 16-19 Economic Asia-Pacific Cooperation (APEC) summit in Osaka, and the latest by June next year after the

Mr. Murayama need not call elections until mid-1997, but a split in the coalition of his Socialists, the conservative LDP and the small Sakigake Party would automatically trigger one.

Parliament reconvened Friday for a 46-day special session to discuss a five trillion Yen (\$50 hillion) extra budget, part of Tokyo's latest attempt to get the economy moving.

The budget is not under direct threat from the opposition but debate on a revision of the religious institution act, prompted by allegations against the Aum

a poison gas attack on the Tokyo subway, could delay the extra budget.

The main opposition Shinshinto (New Frontier Party) is backed by a powerful Buddhist organisation which is trying to block the introduction of tighter controls on religious groups.

Mr. Murayama's Socialist Party is in disarray over a plan to disband itself and form a new "liberal" party in a merger with other leftof-centre groups. Its target date is the end of November.

that with the Vigipirate plan hit Paris in recent months. Dole emphasises personal side in new video

"man from hope".

WASHINGTON (R) — Front-running Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is taking a new tack to hoost his campaign, mailing to voters thousands of videos featuring bomespun scenes with a rare talk about bis World War II heroics.

The film was seen as an attempt by Sen. Dole to show his human side and soften some bard edges of his personality. A man with a biting wit, in the past he has earned a reputation as a bitter partisan.

Polls for Republican presidential candidates currently place Sen. Dole first by a wide margin, but he has been slipping in surveys

The campaign spotlight is currently occupied by retired General Colin Powell and speculation of whether he will enter the

Polls show that if Gen.

Powell ran as a Republican, he would be neck and neck with Sen. Dole.

Some 85,000 copies of the 14-minute video will be distributed to would-he supporters in state-wide contests where people will vote for their presidential preferences starting in February.

A campaign aide said 49,000 of the videos, which cost \$60,000 to film, will go to Republicans in lowa wbo will hold state-wide caucuses Feb. 12 to determine their choice for the party presidential nominee.

An initial 5,000 tapes are being sent to New Hampshire, which holds a presidential preference primary Feb. 20, and more will

be sent there later. The video — called Bob Dole, An American Hero --is reminiscent of Bill Clinton's video of his life shown in his successful 1992 campaign, called the

"It's an effort to tell a more personal story than to do a laundry list of issues," said Sen. Dole's Press Secretary Nelson Warfield. "That's a very positive attribute of the film. It tells you who the man is rather than just a dry

his promises on issues. And that is going to be more important in the next president - who the man is." As in the Clinton film, there are bazy soft country scenes, a girl on a swing and a folksy talk by Sen. Dole sitting beside his wife.

Elizabeth, about his World

recitation of his record or

War II experiences. Sen. Dole rarely discusses his wartime exploits when he was wounded and nearly died during fighting in Italy in 1945 as a 21-year-old army lieutenant. He entered the war a strap-

ping, six-foot-two-inch (1.87-metre). 190-pounder

six-foot-two-inch

(86-kg) bot came out at 120 pounds (54 kg) and unable to walk. He never regained the use of his right arm. The video virtually ignores

the Dole most people are familiar with as a legislator, current Senate majority leader and a veteran of nearly 35 years in Congress. He is now making his

fourth bid for national office after losing as President Gerald Ford's 1976 running mate and failing to capture his party's presidential nomination in 1980 and 1988.

Sen. Dole, at 72, is the oldest candidate in a crowded field of Republicans and the only one with World War II military experience. If nominated and elected he would be, at 73, the oldest president ever at his first inauguration.

Interpol seeks more cooperation with U.N.

Increased collaboration between Interpol and the United Nations and the creation of two regional agencies in Africa will be discussed at Interpol's General Assembly Oct. 4-10 in Beijing, Interpol President Bjoern Eriksson Friday.

"There is a possibility for a wider and regular cooperation between the United Nations and our organisation," Mr. Eriksson, who is also the bead of the Swedish police, told AFP. "It could be developed so that the U.N. has the option of delivering certain police tasks to interpol," he said.

According to Mr. Eriksson, international police cooperation against crime is in line with efforts by the United Nations to protect people against abuses of power and human rights violations.

The representatives of

STOCKHOLM (AFP) — Interpol's 176 members in Beijing are also expected to approve the creation of two regional agencies in Africa: Afropol West based in Ahidjan on the Ivory Coast and grouping Francophone states, and Afropol East in Harare, Zimbabwe and composed

of about ten Anglophone

countries.

"It is important to try to create a regional cooperation between our African member states, which is not contradictory to the global character of Interpol," Mr. Eriksson said, noting that "Interpol lacks an instrument to carry out this cooperation in Africa."

As elsewhere, crimes bave no borders on the African continent, he said, citing as an example the sale of stolen cars between countries, often paid for with drugs, or money laundering and weapons sales.

Congress backs C-17 in defence spending bill

WASHINGTON (AP) - Congress is lining up behind the troubled C-17 transport plane as it prepares to send President Bill Clinton a defence bill with \$7 billion more

for the military than the White House requested. Defence spending legislation expected to win final approval in the House of Representatives endorses the costly air force craft although the Pentagon hasn't decided whether to buy more. A report released Wednesday by the House-Senate Conference Committee that wrote the bill

also backs the C-17. The legislation orders that the Pentagon "must give first priority to fully funding" of continued C-17 production in

The defence acquisition board, a key Pentagon decisionmaking body, is set to recommend by Nov. 1 whether to build a fleet of 120 C-17s. Under current plans, the air force would build 40 airlifters for a total cost of \$21.3 billion, or \$533 million a plane.

The bill contains \$2.4 billion for the last eight of those 40 planes, which are built by McDonnell Douglas Corp. in

Rep. Bill Young, chairman of the House Appropriations National Security Subcommittee, said the House-Senate report reflected increasing confidence within the military in the C-17, a plane once so heset with engineering and performance problems that the Pentagon nearly canceled

"The problems that have existed in the past have been pretty much overcome," Mr. Young said.

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History made again

THE WHITE House was the scene Thursday of

yet another historic peace agreement between

Israel and the Palestinians. Two years earlier the

first handshake between Israeli Prime Minister

Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat at the same place brought with it the first

accord ever between the two warring peoples as

represented in the Declaration of Principles that was to govern their future talks. This time, there

was a broad agreement on the implementation of the second stage of the accord spelling out an

expanded Palestinian control over West Bank

The ceremony, which was presided over by

President Bill Clinton, was witnessed by key

regional and world leaders whose presence sig-

nalled a broad international support for the

Mideast peace process. It was no accident there-

fore that the agreement was also signed and

witnessed by Mr. Clinton, His Majesty King

Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak,

Spanish Prime Minister Filipe Gonzalez, Russian

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and last but

not least Norwegian Foreign Minister Bjoern

Godal, whose capital city Oslo hosted the break-

through between the PLO and Israel two years

The latest accord may have indeed brought

closer the day when "the clash of arms will be

banished from God's boly land," as the U.S.

president remarked on the occasion, or brought

nearer the poet's dream as the Israeli prime

minister poignantly observed, or has demons-

trated that the reconciliation effort has become

irreversible as Chairman Arafat rightly pointed

out. Still, the biggest challenge to all that has

been painstakingly achieved is what King Hus-

sein described in his remarks at the ceremony as

the real challenge to the remaining leaders in the

Middle East "to demonstrate courage, Dou

moral and physical, to show what responsibility

means by joining the peace camp." No doubt His

Majesty had Syrian President Hafez Al Assad

uppermost on his mind when he called on the

other parties in the region to join the campaign

Indeed King Hussein was not alone in alluding

to the unfinished business in the region. Mr.

Clinton expressed the hope that Damascus and

Beirut would soon make their presence and role

more visible. President Mubarak was equally

emphatic when he said that the mission of

building peace cannot be fulfilled until similar

progress is attained on the Syrian and Lebanese

tracks. So were Chairman Arafat and Prime

Minister Rabin. As a matter of fact the entire

international community is unanimous on the

The feat that was accomplished Thursday just

like all the other successes on the peace front will

remain spoiled and forever incomplete unless and

until Syria and Lebanon have firmly joined in.

This indispensable role cannot be expected to be

realised on a unilateral basis, however. Much

more is still expected from Israel in order to

bring Damascus on board. But this does not

make the challenge to the Syrian leadership any

easier. The Syrians can still undertake bolder

moves towards the goal of sealing lasting and

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

MAHMOUD RIMAWI, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily, has

urged Iraq to follow France's advice and accept U.N.

Security Council resolution 986 on the sale of limited

amnunts of oil under U.N. supervision for the purchase of

food and medicine. The writer said that the majnrity of

Iraqis are nearing starvation as a result of the sanctions. By

selling nil, Iraq will be partially relieved and its isolation

from the rest of the world will begin to end. But what is

more important, is that the oil revenue will rescue the lives

nf the innocent people, he said. The writer said that the

Iraqi government had been subjected to much humiliation

through the series of U.N. resolutions and sanctions that

have effectively encroached on and its sovereignty and thus

the argument that the provisions of U.N. deal should be

A COLUMNIST in Al Dustour urged the concerned

authorities to be hrave enough and enforce the law on

those who continually contaminate water, soil and air and

pollute the environment. Mohammad Daoud said that a

recent report by the Ministry of Water and Irrigation has

evealed that 80 per cent of the factories in Jordan have

failed to abide by the regulations concerning the treatment

of the wastewater emerging from their installations. With

iotal disregard to the rules concerning measures to safe-

guard the environment, these factories have been causing

direct danger to the public, said the writer. It is true that

these factories are producing commodities that are badly

needed by the local communities, but this is no justification

for their atinued mal-practices, he added. If the con-

cerned a morities cannot close these factories, then the

least they can do is to impose heavy financial penalties on

consequences of the pollution, suggested the writer.

s of the law and use the revenue to deal with the

rejected for sovereignty concerns is invalid.

comprehensive peace in the region.

urgent need for a comprehensive settlement.

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Jordanian Perspective

A first step towards Palestinian statehood

THE AGREEMENT that Israeli and Palestinian leaders signed in Washington on Thursday on the finer details of interim self-rule in the West Bank has clearly established that the Arab-Israeli peace process is irreversible. The agreement also confounded assumptions among the hardliners on the Arah side that the 1993 declaration of principles (DoP) signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel was an Israeli ploy to end the

Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

For all practical and technical purposes, the accord that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister. Yitzhak Rabin signed on Thursday is the first step towards Palestinian statehood. But it is indeed an ardnous way that lies ahead. Extremists on both sides are bent upon wrecking the entire process, as we see from the reactions from the Israeli right-wing and the Damascus-based Palestinian groups to the self-rule agreement. The other side of the coin is the commitment that both Mr. Rabin and Mr. Arafat have displayed by pressing ahead with the negotiations despite the spasms of violence and not letting

the hardliners have their way. Indeed, the declaration of principles is one year behind schedule, but then it would have been naive on anyone's part to have expected an easy process of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, given the complexity of the issues before

For us in Jordan, the signing ceremony in Washington had an additional significance: It substantiated Jordan's argument that the Kingdom, hy virtue of its nwn peace treaty with Israel, is in a much better position to positively

M. KAHIL

By Elia Nasrallah

JORDANIAN DAILIES

last week gave prominence to the conclusion of the

Israeli-Palestinian agree-

ment on expanding the

Palestinian self-rule areas

as well as Libya's continued

expulsion of Palestinians

and a host of local topics.

Israel agreement, which

was signed in Washington

Thursday, Al Ra'i daily said

that a new chapter in the

Palestine-Israel peace has

been opened. The paper

expressed the Arab peo-

ple's hope that the agree-

ment will pave the way for

the restoration of all the

Palestinian people's rights

and the emergence of the

independent Palestinian

state with Jerusalem as its

capital. The paper said that

it is also hoped that the

agreement would lead to

the achievement of a com-

prebensive peace on all the

Writing in Al Ra'i under the title of "Arafat's suc-cess," columnist Fahed Al

Fanek said that the agree-

ment on expanding the self-

rule areas proved that

Palestinian leader Yasser

Arafat was right from the

start and he has frustrated

his opponents who had be-

lieved that the self-rule.

areas would not expand

beyond Gaza and Jericho.

The writer said that Mr.

Arafat faced Israeli proc-

rastinations and obstacles

with perseverance and

proved that he is not sub-

ject to Israel's whims and

desires but an independent

leader who pursues his drive to serve his people.

Mr. Arafat's hard bargain-

ing led Israel to hand over

seven Arah cities and hun-

dreds of villages in the

second phase of the Oslo

deal and secured Israel's

pledge to release all the

Palestinian detainees, albeit

For its part, Al Sabeel

weekly attacked the

Palestine-Israel agreement

as another stage in Palesti-

nian leaders' capitulation.

The agreement allowed 400:

lewish thieves to remain in

Hebron, failed to secure the

release of all prisoners and.

left electricity and water

supplies as well as overall-

security matters in the hand

of Israel, said the weekly.

in stages, said the writer,

Israeli-Arab tracks.

Hailing the Palestine-

influence the course of the peace process. Upon Mr. Arafat's request, His Majesty King Hussein intervened with Mr. Rabin whenever the going got too tough for the Palestinians in the negotiations, particularly over the status of Hebron. To a large extent, it was the behind-the-scene Jordanian intervention that saved the day since Mr. Rabin understood the Palestinian concerns better when they were put to him by King Hussein. For once, we also think, Mr. Arafat realised the key role Jordan played and would continue to play in the peace process. At least that is the message we got from his visit to Jurdan the day after the initialling of the Taba accord and his public expressions of appreciation for the Inrdanian role.

Definitely we would have liked to see Israel relinquishing its control over Hebron just as all West Bank towns, but it was not a straightforward cut and deal question. Much difficult as it is acknowledge, the fact remains that the 450 or so settlers in the heart of Hebron are a problem for Mr. Rabin as much as it is for Mr. Arafat. And the Israeli prime minister has made no secret of his view that it is absurd to have thousands of Israeli soldiers to protect the 450, who live among 120,000 Palestinians. It is, of course, clear that Mr. Rabin understands that the settlers have to leave Hebron. It is only a matter of methods and means to ensure their peaceful departure from the town.

Barring the sore point over Hebron, it is unlikely that the self-rule agreement could have been any different from the way it was formulated in the last 16 months and signed in Washington on Thursday.

THE WEEK IN PRINT

Oslo II opens a new promising but

equally difficult chapter in Mideast

Yasser Zaatreh, a writer

in Al Dustour, condemned

the Taba accord as a clear

concession on the part of

the Palestinian leaders and

a sell-out of many of the

Palestinian people's rights. The writer said that the

agreement did not secure

the departure of Jewish set-

tlers from the Arah town of

Hebron, or the release of

the Palestinian prisoners.

Furthermore, the agree-

ment has failed to establish

the Palestinians rights to

their capital Jerusalem and

offered Israel the right to

move freely in and out of

Palestinian towns and vil-

lages, said the writer. The whole Taba deal, he said, is

a farce that by no means

served the Palestinian peo-

In the view of Saleh Qal-

lah, a writer in Al Dustour,

the implementation of the

Taha agreement will be

much more difficult than

the negotiations that led to

it. We should not expect the

Israelis to ahide by the

agreement, and sooner

rather than later they would

create new nbstacles that

would give them an excuse

to remain in Arab lands,

said the writer. Unless the

Palestinians backed by the

world community, especial-

ly the United States, to

pressure Israel to carry out

the agreement in full, the

road to a settlement would

be blocked and many of the

Palestinian hopes would be dashed, he said.

A writer in Al Ra'i ex-

pressed apprebension that

the presence of the Jewish settlers in the heart of Heb-

ron would create a time

bomb that could explode at

any moment. Mufid Nahleh

said under the terms of the

Taba accord, Israeli troops

will continue to guard and

protect the Jewish settlers

but no one can guarantee

the protection of the local

Arab residents from settler

attacks. Furthermore, the

Israeli forces in the Arah

city are expected to help the

settlers to expand their pre-

sence and perpetuate their

stay in the Arah town in a

manner that would provoke

further hostilities, which

would serve as a spark for a

renewal of acts of violence.

Palestinian families being

It is regrettable to see the

ple's objectives.

During the marathon nego

tiations, Mr. Arafat walked

out of the meeting, accusing

Israel of treating the

Palestinian negotiators as

slaves, and this means that

the whole deal was tailored

only to serve the Jewish

state's objectives and pro-

tect its interests, said the

Mahmand Rimawi, a col-

umnist in Al Ra'i, said that

the agreement between the

Palestinians and Israel

could not have been real-

ised had the Palestinian

leadership not heen

perseverant and patient enough in the face of

·Israel's procrastinations

and adamant stands. The

writer said that Israel has'

repeatedly tried to delay

the second phase of the

Oslo deal and its nego-

tiators repeatedly blocked

the path of agreement at a

time when the Jewish state

continued its drive to con-

fiscate more Arab lands and

expand the Jewish settle-

ments to cause frustration

in the hearts of the Palesti-

nians. With the signing of the agreement in Washing-

ton, he added, the road is

paved for the Palestinian

leadership to tackle the re-

fugees and the Jerusalem

issues and hald the elec-

tions so as to establish

Palestinian sovereignty on

Taba agreement does not

embody all the Palestinian

aspirations but it is rather a

new step to enable the

Palestinians to regain con-

trol over their land, said

Mohammad Kawash, a writer in Al Dustour. With

every achievement by the

Palestinian leadership in

Palestine, the credibility of Mr. Arafat's opponents de-

cline further, said the wri-

ter. Of course, the presence

of Palestinian opposition is

necessary now and when

the Palestinian state has

heen created because it

serves as an incentive for

the Palestinian leaders to

double their efforts and

attain more gains for the

Palestinian people, he

added. What is expected

now is even more efforts

and more pressure an Israel

to force it to abide hy the

Oslo agreement and pave

the way for the emergence

of the independent Pales-

We must admit that the

Palestinian lands.

Daper.

The next step is its implementation. While we congratu-

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pressed in their struggle to

secure freedom from Israeli

occupation and the restora-

tion of their homeland, said

Sultan Al Hattah in Al Ra'i

daily. The writer said that

by evicting the Palestinians

from Libya, Lihyan leader

Muammar Qadbafi is furth-

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complicating matters for

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stand that Col. Qadhafi is

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deportation order. The wri-

ter said that Col. Qadhafi is

in a trap trying to find a way

out of his predicament and

has been under the illusion

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Faraaneh, a columnist in Al Dustour, Col. Qadhafi's order to expel Palestinians

from Libya is not politically

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resulting from the sanctions

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writer said that Col. Qadha-

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late our Palestinian hrethren for having achieved the deal, we cannot but raise some concerns. For one thing, the first reflection of the agreement should be a qualitative change in the lives of the Palestinians living in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. That is where the international community the Gaza Strip. That is where the international community has to step in with a firm commitment to help Mr. Arafat prove to the sceptics that the course he opted for was the best indeed. In this context, it was heartening to note President Clinton and other leaders gathered in Washington nn Thursday issue a jnint declaration pledging help for the Palestinian National Authority (PNA). We hope the pledge would not remain simply a piece of paper. The snags in the delivery of assistance to the PNA should be removed once and for all. Let us not forget that the PNA is assuming responsibilities of running the lives of another two million people in the West Bank and any failure nn its part to deliver the promises of a better life to the Palestinians would not people well for the positive continuation of the

At the same time, it is not simply enough for the PNA to concern itself with administering self-rule. It has to ensure democracy, political pluralism and respect for human rights in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Again, the Palestinians have a fine example to follow just across the river — Tordan, which has adopted these key features of river — Jordan, which has adopted these key features of a civilised society as a way of life for itself. We stand ready to extend whatever help we could to the Palestinians, but it is essentially for the PNA to convince itself that democracy, with all that it entails, is the best way of life everyone

nomenon. Each one of us counts numerous aspects or constituent parts tn our individual identities: profession, sex, religion, ethnicity, pationality, and so on. For any given person, the most important constituent part of his/her identity may shift or change over time. depending npon develop-ments at home, at the office, in the economy, or on the political front. The challenge to the student of cualr point in time.

perienced a number of serious economie and politicginning of political liberalisation in 1989, the second Gulf war and its policies aimed at reducing the role of the state, the signing of the Palestinian-Israeli peace accord followed by the Jordanian-Israeli accord - all have had a deep and, in some cases, disorienting impact. Given the tremendous changes and challenges involved, it could not easily have been otherwise. Such momentous developments and the uncertain future they portend create anxieties and fears. Strong emotions of this type are often expressed in the form of dissatisfaction or anger with an identifiable

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Over the past few years Jordanian society has ex-. al developments. The befallout, economic crisis and

"other" in society. Who and along what lines this "Other" is constructed will vary from society to society, but there is little question that in Jordan the dividing line is most often drawn between citizens of Palestinian nrigin and East Bank Jordamans. While scholarship on Jordan has greatly increased in the last few years, to date, no study has been published exploring the development of the sense of Jordanian identity over the years, nor of the development of the tensions that exist between the two groups in the King-dom. It is for that reason that the study recently published by Jordan University's Centre for Strategic Studies is so timely and important. A field survey, which was the first part of the project, documents publicly for the first time the existence of these tensions and the reasons expressed on both sides for them. For those who have long felt, or felt victim of, such tensions, the results will not be surprising. But that was not the point of the study. The goal of the study was to provide sound field research — as opposed to continuing speculation or polemic - to underpin both future studies of the problem and to open the door for sugges-

tions of potential solutions. The existence of two (or more) communal groups in a country need not be a source of weakness. While

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Clinton, Mideast leaders hail Israeli-Palestinian accord

WASHINGTON (USIA) — President Bili Clioton hailed Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel, Chairman Yasser Araft of the Palestinian Anthority, and the "extraordinary array of leaders" gathered at the White House Thursday for the signing of the agreement on Palestinian self-rule and pledged that the United States will stand with all of them, in working for a wider Middle East

"We will continue to walk each step of the way with those who work and risk for peace," the president de-clared. "We will press forward with our efforts until the circle of peace is closed, a circle which must include Syria and Lebanon if peace is to be complete. We will oot rest until... the shadow of violence is lifted."

Mr. Clinton was joined by Mr. Rabin, Mr. Arafat, King Hussem and President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt in addressing the assemblage of leaders. Following is a transcript

Mr. Chaten: Prime Minis-ter Rabin; Chairman Arafat, Your Majesty King Hussein; President Mubarak; Foreign Minister Peres; Mr. Ahu Mazin; Prime Ministers Gonzalez, Filali, Bin Shaker, Foreign Minister Kozyrev; our co-sponsor of the Middle East peace negotiations; distinguished foreign ministers and members of the diplomatie corps; and honoured

I welcome you to the White House for this milestone on the path to reconciliation. Today we make a great stride toward the fulfillmeot of a vision toward the · day when two people divided by generations, by conflict, are bound now hy peace. Finally, the time is approaching when there will be safety in Israelis' house; when the Palestinian people will write their own destiny; when the clash of arms will be banished from God's Holy

Land. Two years ago, on another brilliant September day here at the White House, two men reached across one of history's widest chasms with a simple handshake. That moment is etched forever in our

With the eyes of the world upon you, Mr. Prime Minister, you declared your wish to live side-hy-side with the Palestinian people io dignity, as free men.

And you, Mr. Chairman, vowed to wage what you called "the most difficult hattle .of our lives, the hattle for

In the days of labour that have followed you have both shown profound courage in bringing us to this moment. and you have kept your word.

The enemies of peace have fought the tide of history with terror and violence. We grieve for their victims, and we renew our vow to redeem the sacrifice of those victims. We will defeat those who will resort to terror. And we revere the determination of the leaders who chose peace; who rejected the old hahits of hatred and revenge. Because they broke so bravely with the past, the hridges have multiplied — hridges of communication, of commerce, of understanding. Today, the landscape changes and the

chasm narrows. The agreement that now will be signed means that Israel's mothers and fathers need no longer worry that their sons will face the dangers of patrolling Nahlus or confronting the hostile streets of Ramaliah. And it means that Palestinians will be able to decide for themselves what their schools teach, how their houses should be built, and

who they choose to govern. You, the children of Ahraham, have made a peace worthy of your great forebear. Abraham, patriarch of both Arabs and Jews, sacrificed power for peace when he said to his nephew, Lot, "Let there be no strife between The and me. If Thou will take the left hand, then I will go to the right." Patience and persistence, courage and sacrifice — these are the vir-

tues, then as now, that set peacemakers apart. Mr. Prime Minister and Mr. Chairman, you are showing that it is not hy weapons, but hy will and by word, that dreams best become reality. Your achievement shines as an inspiration to others all around this world who seek to overcome their own conflicts and to secure for them-

selves the hlessings of peace. Chatper by chapter, Jews and Arabs are writing a new chapter for their ancient lands. Camp David, the Dec-

here two years ago; the peace of the Arava last year between Jordan and Israel: With each of these, the truth of this book has become clear to the world. As coorageous leaders stepped beyood the bounds of convention, they build for their peoples a new

world of hope and peace. Now, as this new chapter begins, it is fitting that we are joined by so many from the camp of peace. Egypt's President Muharak has carried forth the commitment to peace that began with Anwar Sadat and the miracle at Camp David. Before there was a glimpse of a hreakthrough, President Mnbarak stood for reconciliation. And he added his strength, his personal strength, time and time again in the days of the negotiations.

Almost a year ago, on the border that had known only barbed wire and armed patrols, King Hussein and Prime Minister Rabin hrought their nations together in peace. Already that border has been transformed, as have the lives of Israelis and Jordanians, after 46 years as enemies. King Hussein stands as a rock on which peace can be huilt. In only a few weeks, he will host the economic summit in Amman that will hring together Israelis and Arabs from throughout the region, husiness and government leaders from throughout the world, to map the promise of

Today we are also joined by the largest group of Arah foreign ministers ever assemhled to support the growth of peace. Prime Minister Filali of Morocco has travelled here to represent King Hassan, who has done so much to advance progress in the region. With us as well are representatives of nations that have provided vital support for peace, including the countries of the European Union, Japan, Canada and, of course, Norway, whose assistance two years ago opened the way to this mo-

All those who doubt the spirit of peace should remeber this day and this extraordinary array of leaders who. have joined together to hring a new era of hope to the Middle East. The United States is prood to stand with

all of them. Much remains to be done. But we will cootinne to walk each step of the way with peace. We will press forward with our efforts until the circle of peace is closed, a circle which must include Syria and Lehanon if peace is to be complete. We will not rest until Muslims and Jews can turn their hacks to pray without any fear; until all the region's children can grow up untouched by conflict; until the shadow of violence is lifted from the land of light

and gold. Thank you very moch.

King Hussein: President Clinton: Prime Minister Rabin. my hrother, President Muharak; President Arafat; and dear friends: What we are meeting here today to witness is all about responsihility, moral coorage, physical courage, maturity, for the interests of people is the driving, motivating force behind leaders, and fulfilling their

duties to future generations. It is, indeed, the result of a commitment to peace, unwavering. And you have, indeed, witnessed and seen the. hours spent and the efforts made and the obstacles surmounted because there is goodwill. And there is total commitment to peace by all those who played their part so far in shaping the comprebensive peace that we all seek

in our part of the world. In addition to all that, I believe for our Palestinian hrethren — and they are the closest to us in the Arah World, and we are the closest to them — that is also the fulfillment of a dream they have struggled for years, a chance to contribute their share in shaping their future and to have their word regarding that future and des-

I am proud to be a part of this occasion on behalf of the government and people of Jordan: congratulate you on what you have achieved and to wish you every future success in the times ahead; and to assure you all — President Clinton, all my colleagues, brother and friends starting with President Muharak, for Egypt was a pioneer on the path of peace; President Arafat; Prime Minister Rahin, with his farsightedoess and unquestionable moral and physical courage; and all the

other wonderful people who

laration of Principles, signed have helped — the secretary of state, and the vision of Shimon Peres, and everyone who has — Dennis Ross — so

> We will do everything we can. And hopefully, we'll meet again. And if we don't, hopefully, the process will continue beyond this point towards establishment of the comprehensive peace we seek, giving people the dignity that is their right, the security, tearing down the harriers of suspicion and hatred and confusion.

> And I believe that I issue a challenge to any leader in our part of the world, or anywhere else in the world, to demonstrate courage - moral and physical courage - to show what responsibility really means by joining the peace camp for the better future of all the peoples of our region.

I hope they won't be wanting. I hope they will be there. And I hope that we will have fulfilled, after all these years of struggle, our responsibilities towards onr people and the generations to come, the children of Ahraham and their descendants forever.

Thank you very, very much, indeed. And I hope that we will next month see another major step in our part of the world when the economic summit' is convened in Amman with the presence of all who helong to the peace camp to present our area in the context of peace and all our friends from throughout the world. For now we need to huild on what we have achieved - a future for our people so they can see and enjoy what they

have been denied for so long. Mr. Presideot, thank you once again for the kind invitation. And on behalf of all those here from Jordan — my wife, prime minister, my colleagues — we are deeply

grateful. And, Mrs. Clinton, at least Prime Minister Rabin and I did not smoke while we are here with you, sir. Thank you so much for your good influence io that regard. Thank you so much.

Mr. Mnharak: President Clioton, dear friends, ladies and gentlemen: Today, we witness another significant step on the road to peace and reconciliation in the Middle East. The signing of this elaborate agreement testifies to the strength of the new spirit which has emerged in our region since we started process years ago

It reflects the firm commitment of hoth Arabs and Israelis to a noble cause that was considered until recently a distant dream. They made an historic choice between the continuation of the unhappy past and the opening of a new horizon for their

This dream could not have come true without the courage and the farsightedness of a group of determined men who worked together under the most difficult circumstances in order to transalte their vision into a living reality. We commend these courageous leaders and congratulate the Palestinian and Israeli peoples on this historic achievement.

We also thank those friendly oations which have stood firmly in support of the peace efforts - notably, the American people and their energetic leadership who put their full weight behind the

peace process. Dear friends, while we celebrate this historic event, we are determined that the challenge is not over yet. In the months ahead, we have to work hand in hand to facilitate the faithful implementation of the new agreement. This process will require greater understanding and cooperation. Equally needed is the material and the moral support of different nations in all four corners of the

world. We are also reminded that our mission of huilding peace will not be fulfilled until similar progress is made on the Syrian and the Lehanese tracks. All of us should reaffirm our fundamental goal of achieving a comprehensive. just and lasting peace. Those who hold the key to progress on those tracks are urged to exert maximum effort in the months ahead in order to

make this possible. On the other hand, we should not lose sight of the fact that what has been accomplished on the Palestinian front does not constitute a final settlement. It is still, nevertheless, an important step that is definitely going to make that goal easier to

Finally, it is our duty to prove to all the peopels of the Middle East that the past is behind us at long last, and that a brighter future is dawning throughout the area; a future that brings to realisation not only the promise of peace and security, but also greater prospects for balanced development and prosperity. This should be the cornerstone of the vision we have for the new era. Together, God willing, we shall succeed in our drive to write that bright chapter in the history of the Middle.

·East. Thank you.

Mr. Arafat: President William Clinton, president of the United States; Your Majesty King Hnssein, King of Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; President Mohammad Hosni Muharak, president of the Arah Republic of Egypt; Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, prime minister of Spain, and President in office the European Council; Mr. Yitzhak Rabin, prime minister of Israel; Your Excelleocies, Ministers and Amhassadors, ladies and

entlemen: We are gathered today under the sponsorship of Presideot Clinton, who has enerously offered to host the signing of this agreement. It has been two years since we met at the White House to sign the Declaration of Principles to which we and our Israeli partners have agreed to in Oslo. We meet again today to make new headway in giving hope to this historic process, the process of realisng a credible peace, reconciliation and coexistence between the Palestinian and Israeli peoples, and the peace of the hrave, which we achieved on Egyptian land at Taba under President Mnbar-

ak's auspices. A significant portion of Palestinian national rights re-verts today to the Palestinian people through their control of the cities, villages and populated areas. Recovery of this portion is a step in the implementation of the interim agreement, which weare gathered bere to witness the signing. It is also a step which paves the way to free and democratic Palestinian elections, capping, thereby, the political-components required for the establishment of an independent Palestinian national entity on the Palesti-

nian territories. These steps which required tremendous efforts, as well as exhausting and releotless work throughout the past vious of the fact that added diligence lies ahead to implement this agreement on our land in the West Bank. We still carry oo our shoulders many other tasks, such as moving to the permaneot status negotiations.

The permanent status negotiations will deal with such issues as settlements, the delineation of the borders, the rights of Palestinian refugees as determined by the international legitimacy. and the fundamental issue concerning the status of Jeru, salem, which our people, irrespective of their faith — Muslims, Christians or Jews consider Jerusalem to be the heart and soul of their entity and the centre of their cultural, spiritual and economic life. I would say that the sanctity of Jerusalem for us all dictates that we make it the joint cornerstone and the capital of peace between the Palestinian and the Israeli peoples, inasmuch as it is a beacon for believers all over

the world. We urge you all to recognise the importance of this historic interim step. It demonstrates the irreversibility of the peace process. Its distinct significance hes in the verdict passed hy history, the international community and human civilisation at the turn of the century, that a just and comprehensive peace he established on this sacred land, whereby the Israeli and Palestinian peoples would coexist on the basis of mutual recognition of the rights, while enjoying a quality and self-determination without occupation or repeated wars,

and without terrorism. At this point, I must tell our Israeli partners from this solemn rostrum and in the presence of our brethren and friends who have come here from the region and from all over the world, particularly those who contributed to the realisation of this agreement, that our past experience underscores the need to be more credible and committed to our steps in the future. And the commitment should he precise, honest and mutual. For our part, we will

honour our commitments. That's why the continuation and expansion of the settlement drive, as the situation in the city of Hehron and

elsewhere shows, lead to the persistence of tensions, Likewise, continued qualms about a new and dependent Palestimian birth convey to each and every Palestinian the feeling that his or her life shall remain in jeopardy.

Today, standing before you, I tell you with courage and a sense of responsibility, that our participation in the great peace process means that we are betting everything on the future. Therefore, we must condemn and foreswear violence totally. not only because the use of violeoce is morally reprehensihle, but because it ondermines Palestician aspirations to the realisation of peace and the exercise of our political and national options, and the achievement of economic and cultural prog-ress in Palestine and in the

From this day on, we do not want to see any waste of, or threat to, any innocent Palestinian life or any inno-cent Israeli life. Enough kill-ing and enough killing of

innocent people. I urge you, Mr. President, together with our friends, to intensify the search for a comprehensive and a just settlement in our region on all tracks, especially the Syrian and Lebanese tracks, to complete all aspects of the pro-

Ladies and gentlemen, we are still striving on two parallel froots. One is to achieve a just political solution to our problem. The other is to build a homeland on modern and democratic grounds (to establish a) Palestinian political system on the principles of liberty, democracy, separation of powers, freedom of expression, and national initiative. We are also bound to cootinne hmilding Palestioian institutions and the Palestinian national ecocomy. But this ecterprise is still in its early stages and our institutions have yet to

The road ahead remains long indeed. We look forward to your continued support of our people, And we thank all friendly and brotherly donors for their

Mr. President, as the experience of your great country - the country of freedom, democracy and human rights - taught us that freedom is absolutely indivisible. And here, I would like to emphasise to you and to our friends that our people's freedom will remain lacking without all our detainces walking free. All the martyrs, the wounded, and the victims shared one dream. They dreamt of a freedom and just peace for their childreo, for Israeli children, and for the future generations on both

Io keeping with that-dream, and with that correct vision, we shall continue along this path, the path and reconciliation of the brave, notwithstanding its difficul-

In conclusion, Mr. President, I thank you deeply for your devotion to this process and the historic reconciliation. I greatly appreciate your personal involvement and the role played hy your ahle aides and by members of your administration who helped us all along to overcome and settle difficulties.

I am very grateful to my brother, His Excellency President Hosni Muharak, for his great and sincere efforts and for his fruitful involvement until the Taba agreement was crowned with success. I hail the support of the custodian of the two holy shrines King Fahd, and the stand and support of His Majesty King Hassan II. I especially thank my hrother, His Majesty King Hussein, for his sup-port, for his efforts, and for his invaluable counselling.

I thank President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali for his diligence and efforts. I also thank my brethren, the Arah leaders, for lending us a will-ing hand. I appreciate the role of the Russian sponsor and that of President Yeltsin, who spared no efforts or advice to push the peace process closer to its historic des-

I appreciate, too, the role of permanent members of the United Nations Security Connail. I expressed my appreciation to Norway, a friendly country that has guided us throughout the process. I thank the presidency in office, and the member states of the European Unioo who exerted maximum efforts and extended great support thronghout this march. I thank Japan, a friendly country whose backing was vital to our efforts. I.

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hrotherly nations which helped realise this historic event, particularly the Non-Aligned Movement, the African countries and the Islamic

I am also grateful and thankful to Mr. Rabin, the prime minister of Israel; and Mr. Peres, the Israeli foreign minister; and their able aides and assistants for all their tireless efforts they exerted with us to reach this joint agreement. I teli them, let's nurture this peace of brave. for the sake of our grandchildren, of our peoples, and of the region as whole.

Thank you very much, Mr. Presideot. I wish to thank you and wish to thank the first lady. And I wish to thank your country and your people. And my best wishes and happiness and prosperity for all of you. Thank you all.

Mr. Rabin: First, the good Fig. I'm the last speaker before, of course, the closing

remarks by the president.

The president of the United States; King Hussein; President Mnharak; Chairman Arafat; prime ministers; foreign ministers; distinguished members of the two Honses of the Congress; ladies and geotlemeo: Now, after a loog series of formal, festive statemeots, take a look at the stage. The King of Jordan; the president of Egypt, Chairman Arafat; and us, the prime minister and the foreign minister of Israel, on the one platform with the president of the United States. Please, take a goad, hard look. The sight you see before at the moment was impossible, was unthinkable just three years ago. Only poets dreamt of it. And to our great pain, soldiers and civilians went to their death to make this moment possi-

Here we stand before you, men who fate and history have sent on a mission of peace, to end ooce and for all 100 years of blooshed. Our dream is also your dream — King Hossein; President Mnbarak; Chairman Arafat, all the others, and above, assisting us, President Bill Clinton, a president who is working in the service of peace. We all love the same children, weep the same tears, hate the same enmity

and pray for recoociliation. Peace bas no borders. Yes, I know our speeches are already repeating them-The handshakes oo longer set your pulse racing. Your loving hearts oo longer pound with emotion as they did then. We have begun to get used to each other. We are like old acquaintances. We: can tell all about Arafat's. grief. He and his frieod can' tell you all about ours. We have matured in the two years since we first shook hands have — the handshake that was the sign and symbol

of the start of reconciliation. Today, we are more sober. We are gladdened by the potential for reconciliation, but we are also wary of the dangers that lurk on every side. The ecemies of yesterday share a common enemy of today and in the future the terrorism that sows death in our homes and on the huses that ply in the streets. The sounds of celebration here cannot drown out the cries of innocent citizens who travelled those huses to their death. And your eyes shining here cannot erase for a single moment the sight of the lifeless eyes of the students who were going to their classes and housewives who were on. their way to market when hatred stuck them down. We are pained by their death, and remember them with

I want to say to you, Chair-man Arafat, the leader of the Palestinians, together we should not let the land that's flowing with milk and honey become a land flowing with hlood and tears. Don't let it happen. If all the partners to the peacemaking do not unite against the evil angels of death by terrorism, all that will remain of this ceremony are colour snapshots, empty momentos; rivers of hatred will overflow again and swamp the Middle East.

We gentlemen will not permit terroism to defeat peace. We will not allow it. If we don't have partners in this bitter, difficult war, we will fight it alone. We know how to fight and we know how to

My brother Jews speak through the media to you of thousands of years of exile. And the dream of generations have returned us to our historic home in the land of Israel, the land of the prophets. Etched on every vineyard, every field, every

olive tree, every flower is the deep imprint of the Jewish history; of the book of the books which we have bequeathed to the entire world; of the values of morality and justice. Every place in the land of the prophets, every name is an integral part of our heritage of thousands of years of the divine promise to

us and to our descendants. Here is where we were born. Here is where we created a nation. Here we forged a haven for the persecuted and built a model of a democratic country. But we are oot alone here on this soil, in this land. And so we are sharing this good earth today with the Palestinian people in order to choose life. Starting today, an agreement on paper will be translated into reality on the ground. We are not retreatmg; we are not leaving. We are huilding and we are doing

so for the sake of peace. Our neighbours, the Palestinian people --- we who have seen you in your difficulties, we saw you for gen-erations; we who have killed and have been killed or walking beside voo now toward a common future, and we want

yon as good neighbours. Ladies and gentlemen, this week the Jewish people in each thousands of places of this — has marked a new era, and in their Holy Day prayers, Jews everywhere are saying — (spoken in Hebrew). I'm translating it to the best of my capability. May we be remembered and inscribe before you in the book of life and of hlessing and peace and prosperity, of deliverance and comfort and opportunity, we and all your people, the House of Israel, for a good life and peace.

These are my wishes to all the Jewish people. These are y wishes to all the citizens of Israel — a good life and a peace. These are also our wishes to our neighbours, to all the world peoples - a good life and peace.

Ladies and gentlemen, look at us again. Look at the scene on the stage, here in the White House. You are not excited anymore. You have grown up accustomed to it. But in order for peace to be completed, in order for this picture to be completed, and for the Middle East to become a jewel in the world crown, it still lacks two people — the president of Syria and the president of Lebaselves. Perhaps this picture noo. I call upon them to

the platform of peace. Ladies and gentlemen, if and whoo this happens, we will again ask President Clinton to be our gracious host. We will agaio ask King Husseio, President Moharak, Chairman Arafat, and all the others to return here to be partners in the glorious picture of all the peoples of the Middle East dwelling in

security and peace. Ladies and geotlemen, let me extend my wish to all of us that we may meet here again, and soon. Happy New Year. (Spoken in Hebrew).

Mr. Clinton: As we adjourn, let me once again thank all of our guests from across the world who have come here to be a part of this, and to wish all the parties well. Let me thank those who have spoke today for their contributions

to the peace process Let me say a special word of thanks to (members of) Congress who have come here from both parties, incloding both Jewish Amercians and Arab Americans represented in our United States Congress, for their support of the United States'

And let me close with this simple thought. As the cold war has given way to a global village in which the enemies of peace are many and dis-

persed all across the world. the United States is honoured and obligated to be a force for peace — from Northern Irleand to. Southern Africa. from Bosnia to Haiti - to reducing the nuclear threat and the threat of biological and chemical weapons to fighting against terrorism and

organised crime.
But this is special. For it is in this place that those of us who believe that the world was created by, is looked over by, and ultimately will be accountable to one great God — all of us came from there, whether we find that wisdom in the Torali or the Koran or the Christian Holy Bible. If we could all learn in that place to find the secret of peace, then perhaps the dream of peace on Earth can truly be realised.

Thank you, and God hiess

Mr. Warren Christopher: Mr. President, King Hussein, President Muharak, Prime Minister Rahin, Chairman Arafat, Prime Minister Gonzalez, fellow foreign ministers, other distinguished guests. Two years ago the. Israelis and the Palestinians embarked upon a new history. After a centory of bloodshed and pain, they took the first brave step on a long and difficult road toward peace. Today we bear witness to another extraordinary

milestone in that journey. There will be no turning back, no turning hack from that journey, which will be completed when Israelis and Palestinians finally live side by side together with their neighbours in security and

Prime Minister Rabin and

Chairman Arafat. Once agaio you reaffirm our faith io the power of persuasion to overcome the most daunting obstacles. In the face of extraordinary challenges, Israelis and Palestioian officials sat together day after day, night after night, month after mooth, talking, arguing, talk-ing again, and finally, in the

end, reaching agreement. The agreement unveiled today reflects the unflagging effort of both sides. For both peoples, this agreement offers a oew pathway to a new relationship dedicated to

peace and prosperity. Mr. Prime Minister and "Mr. Chairman, as you press forward to finish your historic work, the Uoited States will with you. workin together with two great leaders by your side, King Hussein and President Mubarak. we will strive to wideo the circle of peace to Syria, to Lehanoo, and across the entire Middle East. And starting this very afternoon, with our partners in the international community, we will redouble oor efforts to extend the political and economic support that you need to make real the promise of this

Three mooths ago in Jerusalem and again three weeks ago here in Washington, I met with Arah and Israeli children who spent the summer together in a programme called the Seeds of Peace. By developing new frieodships, they are demolishing old prejudices. By reaching across communities, they are resolving a conflict that has far too. long divided their peoples. It is their spirit which truly brings us here today, their lives, their dreams, their futures. Let us resolve not to

We owe it to all of our children to realise the full promise of this day. Let us rededicate ourselves to the nohle task we have started, a task that, in the words of Ahraham Lincoln, "the world will forever applaud and God must ever hless." Thank von.

Israeli stabbed in Jerusalem

(Continued from page 1)

West Bank land to Palestinian control and said they will form a force of armed volunteers to patrol the streets when the army pulls

Zvi Katzover, leader of the Kiryat Arba settlement, said that hundreds of volunteers have signed up and planned to take over army installations vacated in the withdrawal stipulated in the agreement Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed Thursday at the White House.

We've opened an office for volunteers to sign up to be prepared to come and help us the moment that the army is withdrawo. We are counting on all these volunteers to

come and help fill the vacuum," Mr. Katzover told reporters as the Muslim call to prayer sounded from mosque minaretes in adjacent Hebron.

The settler leader said he had seen the map of the planned redeployment in Hebron and argued the narrow corridors of Israeli control meant a single sniper could easily shoot settlers in the tiny enclaves and escape.

As a result, Mr. Katzover said, the volunteer militia would move into the headquarters building and other facilities in Hebron if the army left. "If the army moves us, we will go hack and if they move us again, we will go back again," he said.

Amman Economic Summit projects placed on Internet

. USIA Staff Writer

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Commerce Department launched this week a "homepage" on the Internet which will reach the "broadest possible audience" within the American business community identifying "pro-jects and opportunities" for which Middle Eastern countries will be seeking partners at the Amman Economic Summit next month.

This followed a joint letter sent earlier this month by Secretaries of State and Commerce, Warren Christopher and Ronald Brown, respectively, inviting American businesses to support and participate in the economic conference in Amman scheduled for Oct. 29-31, About 150 U.S. firms are expected to be represented there.

Both said their initiative was "at the centre of our efforts to develop a privatesector focus to the Middle East peace process." They said that the upcoming sum-mit will be "a businessdriven, outcome-oriented conference focusing on com-mercial opportunities and

More than 1,000 government and business leaders in Jordan next month pri-

PARIS (AFP) — The French

government should cut state

spending instead of raising

taxes and face up to the

problems of public sector pay

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The warning, described by one commentator as "devas-

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marily to demonstrate, in the opinion of one U.S. diplomat, that the Middle East peace process pays.

Unlike its predecessor, this conference will be focused on public and private partnership as well as seeing the 'creation of three key institutions called for in the Casablanca Declaration.

At that Moroccan meeting, the conferees proposed the launching of a Middle East Development Bank, a regional Business Council and a regional Tourism Board. Several huge regional projects such as the Aqaba-Eilat airport and others within Jordan, Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas are expected to be announced as

The International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce has the Web address bttp:// www.ita.doc.gov/itabome. btm1.

The Amman Economic Summit, listed and accessible as a topic on this homepage, has the Web address of bttp:// www.ita.doc.gov/region/ amm an/econof.btml.

"We are going to do an aggressive job of matcbmaking" between U.S. and Middle Eastern governments and businesses before and during the Amman Economic Summit, said Richard Gannon, senior advisor for trade

policy who is now at the in U.S. export content. Advocacy Centre, an exportpromotion unit at the Commerce Department.

This is the first time that the Commerce Department bas undertaken such an effort on the Internet, he stressed.

The Advocacy Centre, established 22 months ago by the Clinton administration, is responsible for coordinating export promotion activities of 19 U.S. government agencies that constitute the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC), chaired by Secretary Brown.

We are at the hub of that," explained Mr. Gan-'We work in support of American companies pursuing contracts overseas." This was a new undertak-

ing by the Clinton administration. "We are sick of being on the sidelines, wishing our companies well and doing nothing to support them," said Mr. Gannon, reflecting the strong views of Secretary Brown and other senior administration officials. "We should take a more proactive role and we should work more with the companies."

In the first six months of this year, the Clinton administration provided successful advocacy on 62 transactions that belped U.S. exporters secure overseas agreements totalling \$12,600,000 million,

It is estimated that these new transactions will support more than 83,000 U.S. jobs. This brings the total of advocacy successes to

\$57,800 million since the Advocacy, Centre's opening in November 1993, according to a TPCC release.

As far as the Amman conference, Mr. Gannon said in an interview that the U.S. administration has been tracking projects within the Gulf region, the Middle East and North Africa. "We are identifying opportunities for American investments and engagements... in tourism. botels, resort construction, infrastructure, etc."

He said be has spent two weeks in the Middle East meeting with government officials, U.S. representatives. and private sector representatives. He noted that some of the governments which will be participating in the Amman summit bave already started sharing with the United States the business opportunities which will be publicised in Amman. In turn, he continued, be has begun providing American businesses with this information "to stimulate interest" in

Jordan, for example, has a list of 27 projects that they bost countries. have prepared with the assist-ance of the Canadian govern-

ment, be reported. "There are an additional 60 projects that a U.S. investment bouse is preparing" for dissemination at the summit, he added.

He also cited the case of Qatar where, he said, both government and private sector representatives including the Chamber of Commerce are planning to present some 20 projects at Amman.

The Israelis are doing the same thing. The Palestinian Authority and its private sector will also have their own list of projects," be added. He pointed out that every Friday, the Switzerlandbased World Economic Forum, which is organising the summit conference, sends the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service a list of the American companies which bave signed up and the type of projects that will be pursued by the participating countries and businesses at

He said his centre has been able to identify about 150 projects for which tenders have been let and U.S. companies are actively pursuing. He explained that there are also "opportunities" which the American firms can respond to. He described these as tenders that are still open or represent a vision of the

Amman.

Explaining the bomepage initiative, Mr. Gannon said

there will be an abstract on each project, identifying whether a feasibility study has been done, who undertook the feasibility study, whether there is financing and by whom. "This is the type of information the business community (bere) wants to know," he emphasised.

On the other band, once a U.S. company bas signed up for the Amman conference, the Advocacy Centre will then request match-making information from this com-pany, he explained. That is, what kind of business they are in, what subsidiaries they bave (in the Middle East, what kind of companies they are tooking for in Amman, and what countries they are interested in.

Once an American company selects a project it is interested in, it would have to call the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service at the Department of Commerce. In turn, the Commercial Service in conjunction with U.S. embassies in the Middle East and North Africa will begin the process of match-making.
The focus of activity in

Amman for the American; business representatives will be at the Business Centre which will be housed in the same hotel where the U.S. official delegation will be staying, reportedly the Mar-

Dollar tumbles despite Bank of Japan intervention

TOKYO (R) — The sagging dollar suffered another blow Friday, plunging below 98. yen as Japanese exporters sold dollars to settle accounts on the final business day of the first balf of the fiscal year: Japan's central bank lifted the greenback off its lows

with dollar-buying intervention in morning trade, but was forced to step in again after the fragile currency fell The dollar was hovering

around 98 yen and 1.4170 marks in late afternoon trade after closing at around 99.25 yen and 1.4190 marks in New York Thursday.

The yen's surge against the dollar battered Tokyo share prices. The key Nikkei average ended down 109.80 points at 17,913.06.

A finance ministry official sought to sooth currency jit-ters, calling the dollar's drop a technical move and insisting the Group of Seven (G-7) leading nations would reaffirm their. commitment to a strong dollar when their finance ministers and central bankers meet in early October.

Japan's Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama told parliament be would do his best

tion, the investment bank of

the six Gulf Arab states, said

simple derivatives like fore-

ign exchange options "have a

growing demand in the Gulf

because it is a convenient way

But other bankers said the

of hedging risk,"

to ensure Japan's economy recovered and would keep a

'close watch" on currencies The yen's renewed rise is bad news for Japan's stagnant economy, as it would dent exporters' profits.

The government last week announced a mammoth 14.22 trillion yen (\$145 billion) package of economic stimu. lus measures in an attempt to put the economy back on a recovery track.

Currency dealers said the Bank of Japan bought dollars around 97.50 yen and above in Tokyo morning trade, after the U.S. currency fell as low as 97.45 yen earlier in the

morning.
The dollar recovered a bit. only to retreat again in late afternoon, when the Bank of Japan again came into the

market. The dollar, which touched a record low of 79.75 yen in April, hit a 15-month high of 104.70 yen last week. It had been hovering between 98 yen and 101 yen since. Sales of dollars to buy

marks helped push the dollar lower, along with selling by U.S. funds to buy yen. ·Japanese exporters also bought the Japanese currency to book their overseas earnings on the last business day

of the fiscal half-year. The central bank's intervention was half-hearted at best and no match for the aggressive selling, dealers

Some dealers predicted the dollar would remain fragile and under pressure at least until the G-7 ministers' meeting, which is expected around the first week of October.

Some said that since the dollar's rise earlier in September was an artifical creation of G-7 authorities, it would be hard to reverse its latest weakening without another dose of joint central. bank intervention.

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FORECAST FOR SATUR-

DAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1995

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TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Find the right way to get advice from a clever person

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to become more prosperous.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June.

21) Be more ingenious with a clever partner who holds the key to greater prosperity for

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including \$6,300,000 million Deep-sea gas pipeline linking Oman to India is feasible

treaty, further efforts will have to be made. Both Germany and Britain should meet the target of reducing their budget deficits beneath the Maastricht limit of three per cent, the report

It warns that unless social spending is cut in 1996, as the government has pledged, the deficit will reach 4.5 per cent next year and not four per

Publication follows the first prepared before the budget. budget produced by Prime it anticipates several measures taken in it. Echoing criticism of it by French em-ployers and politicians, the OECD says it would have Minister Alain Juppe since he took office following the elec-. tion of President Jacques Chirac, which was criticised for its failure to attack some been better to prune public of the country's fundamental spending than raise taxes, since tax rises risk diluting The report criticises Mr. the benefits arising from a cut Juppe and his predecessor in the costs borne by

adequacy of their efforts to The OECD says that cuts cut the budget deficit. should be made in the public sector, arguing that the proportion of public sector employees in France (23 per cent) was much higher in It says that if the government is to achieve its aim of limiting the deficit to four per cent of gross domestic pro-duct (GDP) in 1996 and three France than in Germany or per cent in 1997, to meet the criteria for monetary union laid down by the Maastricht the United States in 1980 (15 per cent) and that some acti-vities could be rationalised. ABU DHABI (R) — A project to build and lay the world's deepest sub-sea gas pipeline from Oman to India is technically feasible despite water depths of 3,500 metres lion pipeline to export its gas in the Arabian Sea, a leading

project contractor said. Backers of the Oman-India pipeline, which would run four times as deep as any Although the report was other line, say that building and installing the 1,100 kilometre long pipeline can be achieved at a cost that makes the scheme financially

viable.
Other industry executives bave questioned whether a pipeline can safely operate at such depths because of the great water pressures that will exert on the fabric of the

"It is now known that the project is technically feasible and that the pipeline can be constructed and operated safely," Allen Ginnard of U.S. engineers J.P. Kenny International Inc. told delegates at a gas conference in the UAE capital Abu Dbabi.

Oman and India signed an agreement a year ago on principal terms which makes Oman responsible for building and financing the \$5 bil-

J.P. Kenny is the managing contractor for the project which is being promoted by the state-owned Oman Oil Company and other contracts are expected by the end of

Initially Oman will supply India one billion cubic feet (28.3 million cubic metres) a day of natural gas through the 24-inch (60-cm) diameter line starting in 1999.

Both governments remain in talks on exporting Omani gas to India by special tankers as well as by pipeline. Amman on Friday that the

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Arab bankers see curbs on growth in derivatives Gulf Investment Corporaregion's financial markets

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Bankers say the region's

markets have only in the last

few years become exposed to

derivatives trading as new

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By Suleiman Al Khalidi Reuters

AMMAN — Arab bankers and foreign exchange dealers said on Friday growth of derivatives trading within the region's financial markets could be bampered by past bank failures, state regulation and Islamic opposition.

Regulatory curbs on foreign exchange in the region. limits derivatives growth, being amongst the financial instruments that need more liberalisation," said Raid Assad, a consultant in the Arab Institute for Banking and Financial Studies...

However, the consultant told over 330 participants in the 21st annual conference of the Inter-Arab Cambist Association that opened in

financial instruments comgrowth in use of derivatives was handicapped by key conprising a whole range of fustraints, not least lack of tures, options and swaps to management expertise that hedge against stocks, bonds, made traditional banks shy and currency investments. Martin Joy, chief dealer in (Continued on page 9 THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME JUMBLE. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form UNREP

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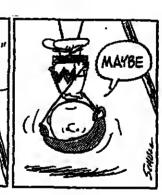
CLIMBING THE ADDER OF SUCCESS STARTS WITH THIS. Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon. \mathcal{L} (Answars Monday)

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22 to July 21) Stop procrastinating and get all the tasks completed which is important. Gain the cooperation of a fellow associate. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) This is an ideal day to plan recreation for the days ahead

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so that you can get the most enjoyment from them. Contact good friends. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Now you can make those bome arrangements today which have been

difficult to do before this. Spend this evening at home # with friends. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Getting in touch

with those you usually deal with and stating that you want them in your life far into the future is wise today.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) If you study the situation more carefully, understandingly, you will know how to improve your monetary status.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You have fine ideas for advancement today and should put them in operation quickly to night for you to be success-

CAPRICORN: (December 22. to January 20) Find the right philosopby that you want to follow later tonight and concentrate more on principles, rather than angles.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is an ideal evening to be your gregarious self and see as many persons as you possible can. Utilise your cbarm.

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THE Daily Crossword by James Barrick

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Ministry determined not to float sanitary paper prices

** THE MINISTRY of Supply and the Consumer Protectioo Society have agreed that prices of second grade sanitary paper should oot be raised in any form and under aoy circumstance. Actiog Supply Minister Abdol Majid Al Azzam asserted: We are against floating prices with regard to sanitary paper. It is not possihle to float the prices of second grade sanitary paper because the majority of people who use it are from limited income groups." Dr. Azzam said that the ministry would announce a decision on this matter doring the week and that the decision would be fair to all parties. "Of course there will be no floating of prices because we are absolutely against this principlo," he emphasised.

of the Consumer Protection Society, backed the ministry's stand and noted that the ministry's experience in floating the prices of coffee, ghee and Nido Milk powder in the past was negative. Dr. Obeidat said the demands of the companies to amend the prices of second grade sanitary paper were somehow justified but that does not mean floating the prices because the costs of raw material in-. put in the manufacturing of sanitary paper had increased only slightly. He added that despite of this, the conclosions of a study jointly undertaken by the ministry and the society point out that com~ panies manufacturing sanitary paper are still making more than 13.5 per ceet pro-

Mohammad Obeidat, bead

He suggested opening the doors to import all kinds of sanitary paper to guarantee the right of the consumer to choose from a number of alternatives. He pointed out that the local manufacturers have benefitted many times. through various means, after 1989 having doubled their prices and reduced the weights of their products of sanitary paper. As such, he demanded that the Specifica-tions and Standardisation Bureau put specifications for second grade sanitary paper fixing its weight and its qualities. Dr. Obeidat repeated that floating the prices cannot be tolerated as the purchasing power of the consumers was declining day by day due to the continued rise in prices and as the policy of floatation in geoeral has proved unsuccessful due to the limited size of the Jordanian market.

Meanwhile, an official source at the ministry said that if the companies do not adhere to the new prices to be fixed this week, the ministry would resort to refixing the prices of the first grade of sanitary paper which are now allowed to float. Also, the official source said, the ministry would open the door for imports from neighbouring countries where the prices would be lower than the local products should its prices be floated or amended.

Abdul Majeed Faouri, the owner of the plant which manufactures "Soft" pro-ducts, said he would not respond to the new prices and. unless prices of second grade sanitary paper are floated, he would keep his plant closed with all employees on an upaid leave.

Let the government hire them (the workers). There is no solution except to float the prices," Mr. Faouri emphasised (A! Dustour + A!

★★ THE MINISTRY of Industry and Trade will issue a decision in the next few days abolishing import licences needed for imports from Arah and foreign countries. The decision will exclude a limited number of the products which require prior approval from concerned departments. Those products would cover foodstufs, medicine, security-related equipment and materials as well as items to be imported within the framework of trade protocols signed with other countries (Al Ra'i).

Brokers expect AFM trading, prices to continue upward trend

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Prices shot up by nearly three per cent at the Amman stock exchange this week, with weekly turoover rising by more than one-third, against expectations of an economic boom with the convening of a major regional conference in Amman next month, brokers said Thorsday.

They said poblic state-

ments over the last few weeks by senior American officials and visits to Jordan by several U.S. investment groups had given rise to high hopes that American firms were poised to enter concrete joint ventures and come in with

investments to the Kingdom. The expectations were coupled with the passage of amendments to income and sales tax laws as well as a new investment promotioo law that are seen key to attracting

foreign capital to the country with high incentives and tax The holidays.

The weekly report of the Ammao Financial Market (AFM), as the Jordanian stock exchange is officially known, said turnover for the week ending Thursday was 9.4 million dinars, up 36.2 per cent from the previous

week's 6.9 million dinars. The report said 5.4 million shares changed hands during the week under 5,104 con-

The official AFM index based on 60 major companies

closed for the week at 159.7 points after gaining 4.2 points or 2.7 per cent. AFM dealers said the actual rise was close to four per cent, given that many companies which gained during the week are not in-cluded in the index.

Separate sectoral indices showed that banks gained by 4.6 per cent, services sector shares by two per ceot, insur-

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

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4.49 million dinars of the weekly turnover. Industrials continue in the market in the AFM brokers, speaking on

condition of anonymity in line with market guidelines, said a recent decision by the Central Bank of Jordan to ease restrictions on commercial banks' lending in foreign currency was one of the major factors that shot up bank stocks in the market.

The AFM report said commercial banks and financial institutions accounted for came second with 2.57 million dioars, followed by services sector shares with a volume of 2.15 million dinars and insorance stocks with

170,000 dinars. The week saw stocks of 95 companies changing hands. As trading closed for the week, 39 of them had gained, 36 slipped and 20 remained

unchanged. Brokers said they ex-

continue in the market in the run-up to the Oct. 29-31 Mid-.dle East and North Africa (MENA) economic symmit in Amman. Jordan is expected to present projects worth \$3.5 billion at the summit seeking financing, and indications have emerged that the governments of Japan, the U.S. and several European countries are encouraging their private sectors to invest in Jordan.

Bankers discuss derivatives

(Continued from page 8)

from dealing with them and a strongly regulated sector. with a history marred by bank failures and large inde-

"I think regulation will be curbing the use and volume of derivatives ... banks are more risk averse, and past bank failures in part raise fears," said Charlers Fargo, trader at the Bahrain-based Gulf International Bank.

Islam, the region's predominant religion which bans any form of interest, is also a potential constraint on derivatives growth, especially in conservative Saudi Arabia, bankers said.

They cite a recent Islamic law court ruling in the United Arab Emirates against derivatives trading, and a number of countries that have freer foreign exchange rules like Oman but strictly control

"Derivatives are instruments that are especially based on interest and Islamic banks do not deal with any kind of interest," said Darwish Mahmoud, controller in the foreign investments department of Jordan Islamic

Bankers said while cash surplus Gulf banks were more advanced in the use of derivatives than other institutions in the region, aided partly by a strong foreign bank presence, trading posed higher risks at present in the Arah World.

"The danger is that derivatives operations are loog term and due to fluctuation of interest rates it poses much higher risk than spot dealings and straight money market transactions," said Rafik Armouni, president of the Forex Club in Lebanon.

Few bankers were able to put a figure oo the volume of derivatives trading in the region, or its share of the tril-lion dollar global market in the oew fioaocial instru-

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)	CENERAL INVESTMENT	10,470	2.600	2.600	7.500
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CID PRANCE	7,482	P.840	0.850	0.980
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DRAM ELECTRIC INDUSTRIES	5,202	0.500	0.000	0.810
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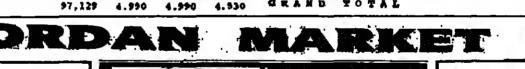
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aiming at next year (Atlanta Olympics)," said Koga.

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Fleury and Djamel Bouras,

while Poland, Canada, Russia, Belgium, the United States and Austria took home

the remaining six bronze.
On Thursday, David

Donillet of France, Angelique Seriese of the Nether-

lands, Diadenis Luna of

Cuba and Pawel Nastula of

Poland clinched the first four

France took two bronze

Salem wins event at horse show

· By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Amer Salem of Jordan won the first place in the marathon event closing the five-day of the Sixth International Arabian horse at home show held at the Royal Stables.

Salem crossed the 43kilometre race on "Ghazal" in 1 minute 34 seconds. Mohammad Ali Abu Skont came in second on "Golden Decmus" clocking in 1:38. Ayman Benzo of Jordan won third place on "Slashbe" in 1:41.

The marathon competition started from Amra Castle and ended at the University farm. Only 21 of the 32 Jordanian horses which participated finished

Abu Skout won the best jockey prize while Mazen Saleh, owner of "Hab-mam" collected JD 1.500 for "the best horse." Earlier on Thursday, in

the tentor non-registered Arabien horses competition, Jordanian horses Bushra and Tarek' won first and second places re-

In the senior non-registered Arabian horse, 'Samarqand' owned by Iyad Shalan clinched first place while "Mahboubeh Katrina" came in second.

Qatari horses, "Kamasia," "Imperial Glafita," and "Alia" collected the first three places in the junior females competition.

World champion Garry Kasparov of Russia po

Professional Chess Association World Champio

game after 31 moves (Reuters photo)

PENSACOLA, Florida (AP)

Roy Jones Jr. and Pernell

Whitaker has each been de-

scribed as the world's best pound-for-pound boxer. On Dec. 9 at the Pensacola

Civic Centre, they will take

each other on - in basket-

ball, not boxing.
The basketball game is

sponsored by Home Box Office and the Pensacola

News iournal. It is the first of

a series of goodwill and char-

ity events to be known as

The announcement came

reaching beyond the ring.

as a prelude to Jones' International Boxing Federation (IBF) title defence Saturday

at the civic centre against

Jones, the IBF super mid-

dleweight champion, said he

hopes the basketball game will improve boxing's image.

"It's very important that we try to reach out and help

as many people as we can while at the same time we can

show that boxers are not such

bad people," Jones said
"People always think everybody's like Mike Tyson ...

or everybody's like James Toney. Everybody isn't that

Tyson, the former

Tony Thornton.

next move during his match against challenge Viswanathan Anand of India in the eleventh game of the bost-of-20-game

at the World Trade Centre in New York. Kasparov won the

Jones to take on

Whitaker in basketbal

heavyweight champion, re-

cently came back after com-

pleting a prison term in Indi-

ana for rape. Toney trashed

his house and threatened to

shoot his manager over losing his title to Jones last year. Whitaker, the WBC wel-terweight champion, and

Jones are avid amateur bas-ketball players. Each will re-

cruit a team from his home-

town: Jones from Pensacola and Whitaker from Norfolk,

A 9-kilogramme weight

difference prevents Whitak-er, 66 kilogrammes and

Jones, 76 kilogramme, from

using their fists to settle the argument of who is the bet-

Jones's team will feature

other Pensacoia boxers, in-

cluding IBF cruiserweight champion Al Cole, National

Amateur Boxing Federation

(NABF) featherweight champion Derrie "smoke" Gainer and Billy "the kid" Lewis.

On the same card with Jones on Saturday, Lewis will

fight Frank Rhodes of Cin-

cinnati for the vacant USBA

super middleweight cham-

pionship and Gainer will de-

fend his title against Roberto Villageal of Mexico.

ter boxer.

The senior female competition was won by "Wisa-mah," "Marbella" and "Imperial Amfania."

The junior males competition was also dominated by Qatari horses. "Ryan," "Bin Shahid" and "Shahin" collected the first three

Jordanian and Qatari horses split positions in the senior males competition. Qatari "Kamal Batal" came in first place followed by Jordanian "Skidsly" and

"Wasamah" and "Marbella" won the supreme famale championship, while Jordanian horses "Kamal Batal" and "Skidsly" shined again in the supreme

male competition.
Thursday and Friday's events were attended by Their Royal Highnesses Princess Alia and Zein, and other Royal family members, Qatari Ambassador to Jordan, Shuail Al Kawari, president of Arab and Qatari Equestrian-

The five-day event was organised by the Jordanian Arabian Horse Society, which is headed by Princess

One of the main aims of the Arabian horse show is to enable horsebreeders to qualify their Arabian horses to take part in international competition."

Moreover, the show aims at exposing Arab culture and demonstrating the en-durance of Arabian horses.

FIFA welcomes agents' association

GENEVA (R) — The newly-formed International Asso-ciation of Football Agents was welcomed on Friday by FIFA, soccer's world gov-

erning body.

FIFA Deputy General
Secretary Michel Zen Ruffinen told Reuters: "We welcome the founding of this new international association. The present situation must be changed.
"It is like a jungle. The

renegades must be weeded ont. There are too many litigations pending at the moment involving players'

Belgian Lawyer Dirk Degraen told reporters one of the main reasons for forming the association was a new FIFA regulation forbidding agents to take any payment from clubs when they effect a

"This is unfair especially if a club asks an agent to look for a certain type of player." Degraen said.

"We would like the term football agents to be used instead of players' agents." The association's first main meeting is set for Brussels on



Cahadian cyclist Curt Harnett celebrates after his world record, breaking the 10-second barrier with a time of 9.865, was flashed on the scoreboard (Reuters photo)

Harnett breaks 200-m world record

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) - Curt Harnett of Canada broke the world record in a qualifying race for the 200metre time trial Thursday at the World Cycling Cham-pionships, the second world record to fall at the event Harnett finished in 9.865

seconds, one of three riders to break the 10-second barrier. In all, seven riders shattered the Russian cyclist Vlaof 10.099 seconds set in 1990.

"What we've done is fantastic," said Harnett after the race at Bogota's Luis Carlos Galan Velodrome. "This is a

record for the 21st century." Twenty-four riders qual-ified for the finals in the event, scheduled for Satur-

On Tuesday, Australian
Strate Kelly broke the record for the fastest kilometre, nearly becoming the first man to break the 1 minute barrier with a time of 1 minute 0.613

The championships began On Oct. 4 they move outside Bogota, the capital, to Colombia's eastern Cordillera Mountain range for road



she won the women's points race at the World Cycling Championships Italy's Nada Cristofoli took the silver meda and France's Nathalie Lancien won the bronze (Renters

South Korea sweep judo golds "Physically, my opponents are taller and their arms are

CHIBA, Japan (AFP) — Chun Ki-Young, Cho Min-Sun and Chung Sung-Sook clinched three gold medals in a row for South Korea, put-ting their country on top of the table at the World Judo Championships on Friday.

japan had to wait till the last event of the day for their first gold when Toshihiko Koga, Barcelona Olympie 71kg champion, won the 78kg

"The secret of our success is nothing but the fact that we practised hard. I trained hard and my hard work has paid off," said 23-year-old Cho, who was promised an annuity for retaining the women's middleweight title.

Cho used an inner thigh skipping throw to send Bar-celona Olympie gold medal-list Jimenez Odalis Reve onto the mat one minute 39 seconds into the 66kg final, earning South Korea's first gold here.

Chun, the winner of the 78kg class at the 1993 championships in Hamilton, Canada, followed Cho with a vic-tory in the men's middleweight category.

The 22-year-old student swift-footed for major outer leaping to crush Hidehiko Yoshida, the host country's best hope in the men's event, repeating his Hamilton performance against the Barcelona Olympic 78kg cham-

In Hamilton, I was young and I never felt pressure, because it was my first appearance in the world championships. This time, my opponent in the final was' the same. I just tried to do my best to beat him," said

"It was not my tactics to use o-soto-gari (major outer reaping) against him today, but it just occurred in my mind to try that technique when I watched him playing

in video tape," he added.

Meanwhile, Yoshida said:
"Although I was beaten, I'm not feeling so bad, because he beat me by a decisive ippon, not a decision. I have

good condition coming into the championships."

South Korea, who won only two gold through Chun and Cho two years ago, added one more when Chung Snng-Sook crushed European champion Jenny Gai of the Netherlands to win the women's 61kg category.

The Korean attacked aggressively throughout the four-minute battle, gaining a yuko and going on to win the light middleweight title. In the men's light middiweight final, Koga made no mistakes displaying his one arm shoulder throwing to put

Oren Smadga of Israel down 2:48 into the bout.



France's David Douillet punches the air as he takes the gold. medal in the over-95 kilogramme category of the World Judo Championships in Chiba (Reuters photo)

Cantona punishment has not hurt his appeal

LONDON (AP) - Eric Cantona has served his punishment, but that hasn't hurt the commercial appeal of Man-chester United's reckless-

Angelique Seriese of the Netherlands shows off her gold medal after winning the over 72kg final at the World Jude Championships in Chiba (Resters photo)

French soccer genius.

About 200 billboards put up by an American sports shoe manufacturer are appearing across Britain remending fans ther Cantona makes his return shis weekend after completing an eight-month ban for his infamous kung-fu-style kick on

a spectator. "He's paid for his mis-akes," the posters read "Now it's somebody else's

The slogan is also adorning T-shirts on sale this week.
"We don't condone what he did, but it's been quite good for us and caused lots of attention," said Graham Childs, spokesman for Nike UK, which has Cantona

under contract.
"I don't think it's hurt Nike," Childs added. "I don't think he (Cantona) is seen as an evil figure... He obviously caused a great pubhic relations stir and we're glad to be on the back of that."

Cantona's return couldn't have been more perfectly orchestrated. He will start on Sunday at Old Trafford against archrivals Liverpool at a time when Manchester United isn't scoring many

"He will definitely play," right from the start," said Manager Alex Ferguson. "I could have put him in the. reserves for four or five games... but there would be a cry from the fans because they want to see him and there would be more media men at the game than suppor-

Ferguson said he's convinced Cantona has learned his lesson and Cantona, in a BBC Radio interview to be broadcast Saturday, says he's ready for a new start.

"What I have to do now is find a solution," he said. "That's what I think I have found now. Nobody knows about it and I can't explain it. People will have to notice it themselves. "I play with pas-sion and fire. I have to accept this fire sometimes does harm. I know it does harm... I don't have to justify myself. I have no regrets."

Cantona's absence was felt-Tuesday when England's

most famous club was climinated from the first round of the UEFA cup by Russian

side Rotor Volgograd. Cantona was branded a "madman" and "thug" when he hurled himself into the stands on Jan. 25 and kieked and punched a Crystal Palace fan who had been taunting hijne The Frenchman had just been sent off for the fifth time in 15 months.

The incident was immediately termed "the 10 seconds that shook the English football world." But it bizarre incidents. In France, he once punched the goalie

on his own team. The English Football Association and FIFA suspended Cantona until Oct. 1 for bringing the game into dis-

In addition, a judge initially sentenced Cantona to two weeks in jail for assault. The sentence was reduced on appeal to 120 hours of community service.

France stripped Cantona of the national team captaincy. Even English soccer observers - accustomed to hooligans and crowd violence suggested this was too much and predicted his career was

over. Far from hurting him, the notoriety seems to have helped. He has been highly visible during the ban, appearing in television commercials and print ads.

Earlier this month in Paris, Cantona joined soccer's other bad hoy — Diego Maradona — to announce the formation of a soccer players' union.

In April, he rejected a transfer to Inter Milan and signed a new three-year con-tract with Manchester United, reported to be far better than this last.

In August — unhappy with the terms of his suspension he bolted home to France. threatening to break the contract. Ferguson — who says he's the best player he's ever had - rushed to Paris and convinced him to stay.

Cantona, who won the league title with Leeds in 1992, led United to back-toback championships in 1993

Without him for most of last season, Manchester United finished second in the Premier League and lost in

Eric Canton

the Fa Cup final.
"I think he (Cantona) is among the best five players ever in the world and to have him back is an extra bonus that will add to the confidence of the younger players," said United goalie Peter Schmeichel.

Sunday's match is expected to be a sell-out at Old Trafford, whose seating has been reduced to 30,000 this season because of renovations.

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THEUST, PARRY, TOUCHEL would have continued to game without the help of the four-heart bid by East. Certainly, with a known nine-card fit in spadss, defending against four hearts was unattractive despite the fact that the king rated to be worth a full trick on defense. Offsetting that were club values which rated to be wasted.

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to the deuce of clubs — obviously a
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clubs, a suit preference signal to
show an entry in the lower-ranking
side-suit, in this case, diamonds.

Declarer saw a possible way to
avoid the looming club ruff, which
would he the setting trick. After
winning the club in hand, declarer
cashed the king of hearts and, when
everyons followed, continued with a
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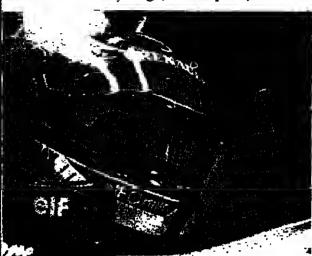
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British Formula One driver Damon Hill wipes his helmet during a practice session of the European Grand Prix in Nuerburg (Reuters photo)



Maradona impresses **South Koreans**

Third placed German Formula One driver Michael Schumacher checks his times on a screen during a pit stop at a practice session of the European Grand Prix in Nuerburg

SEOUL (AFP) - Diego skill," he said. Maradona ends a 11-month dope han in a mateb against South Korea here nn Saturday — and the aging star is aiready making a good im-

The local media, which has criticised the Argentine for his arrogance and erratic behaviour, is now full nf praise for his dedication to football.) "Despite all his arrogance

and controversial behaviour, one thing about him is more than admirable, his sincere attitude in training," said Sports Seoul.

The daily noted during his, week-long stay here, Maradona had not missed a single training session — despite breaking promises of public appearances and leaving fans, including children, in

Boca Juniors team leader, Silvin Marznlini, said he would allow Maradona to play the full 90 minutes. "Maradona is nnw in good

shape. The comeback match will be a good game to go into the memory of football fans,"

South Koreans are good at speed and power, hut our team has an advantage in

Maradnna, 35, heavier and slower, will turn nut for his nld club in his first match since playing against Nigeria in the 1994 World Cup in the United States, where he was expelled for using the stimn-

lant ephedrine. It was Mardona's second drug ban after a 15-month ban for cocaine use while playing in the Italian League for Napoli:

He signed a two-year con-tract, worth \$8 million, for Boca Juniors in June after a deal to play for Pele's former

club, Santos, fell through. Maradona will join forces with his old-time partner and star striker, Claudio Caniggia in the match, to be televised live across South Korea.

Caniggia, 28, on loan for a year from Portugal's Benfica, was Maradona's partner in the 1990 Italian Wnrld Cup and the 1994 event.

Local funtball experts say speedy Caniggia could turn nut to be more of a threat than Maradona for South Korea, whose offence will be led by star striker Kob Jung-Woon, picked as a world star in the 1994 Wnrld Cup.



Argentina superstar Diego Maradona chases the ball during first practise with his team, the Boca Juniors in Seoul (Reuters photo)

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In UEFA Cup, big guns given easy draw

GENEVA, Switzerland strikers Brazilian Rumario (AFP) — UEFA Cup and Bulgarian Stoichkov. favourites AC Milan, Barcelona and Bayern Mnnich look set for an easy second round after drawing competition minnows bere nn Friday.

The Italian giants play French Intertotn Cup qualifiers Strasbourg, who came through against Hungarians
Ujpest, 5-0.
But Strasbourg's French
international central defen-

der Franck Laboeuf was undeterred: "It's great. They are exactly the kind of team we need to play if we are to have any ambitinn," he said. Barcelona, 1994 European Cup finalists, appear to have shaken off the departures of 1994 World Cup finals star

Their Bosnian striker Mehn Kodro has scored three goals in four league games and alnngside Portuguese star Luis Fign will prove a handful for Figo's countrymen nf Vitoria Guimares, who qualified 3-1 against Belgians Standard Liege.
Bayern Munich, who have

not dropped a point in the domestie league this season, play Scots side Raith Rovers, who scraped through 3-2 against Akranes nf Iceland. . The British clubs face a mixed bag in the UEFA cup.

Leeds United are set for an nphill struggle against former European champinns Dutch side PSV Eindhoven, cur-

rently second in the domestic league, who erushed Finland's Mypa-47 8-2 in the first

round. Twice firmer European Cup winners Nottingham Forest play French elub Auxerre, third in the domestic league and Liverponl play Bondhy of Denmark.

Another Franch-Italian nitches last season's league runners-up Lynn against

In the Cup Winners' Cup, Scottisb Premier Division leaders Glasgow Celtie, easy winners in their first round tie against Georgians Dinamo Batumi, face a far stiffer task against French league leaders Paris Saint Germain.

The French side, European

Cup semi-finalists last season, may have lost leading scnrer Panamanian Dely Valdes for two months but have welcomed hack French international striker Patrice Loko after treatment for psychiatric problems.

The Scottish side, winners nf the 1967 European Cup, will not be unhappy that they go to Paris for the first leg. English Cup winners Ever-ton, winners of the 1985 competition, like Leeds United in the UEFA Cup, face through Dutch appasition in

Fevenoord. The Liverpool club had some warrying moments against Icelandic part-timers Reykjavik in the first mund whereas the Dutch club came through 13-0 nn aggregate. Cup Winners' Cup halders Real Zaragoza face Belgian club Brugge at home in the first leg. Brugge were knocked out in the quarter-finals by Chelsea last season while Zaragoza then defeated the London dub in the semi-

finals. The 1993 winners Parma face a seemingly easy tie against Swedish club Halmstad. The Swedes gained an impressive first round win against Bulgarians Loknmotiv Sofia and Parma's unpredictable form, their Italian Cup loss to inwly Palermo for

instance, suggests that Halmstad could produce an upset. Departivo La Curuna,

coached by former Liverpool

hero and Welsh coach John Toshack, have, like Parma, risen from the lower leagues in recent seasons and challenged the status quo of traditinnal trophy winners. They must travel for the

first leg to Turkish side Trabzonspor, six times Turkish champions. Trabzonspor will have tn cope with the striking skills of

Brazilian World Cup star Bebeto, former Barcelona Spanish international fnrward Aitor Beguiristain and Russian Dimitri Radchenkn. Their narrow 3-2 aggregate

victory over Lithuanians Zalgiris Vilnius in the first round does not suggest that Toshaek's side will have too many prohlems.



Paul Le Guin (centre) of Paris St.-Germain Molde of Nnrway during early action of their fights for control of the ball against Ronald Cup Winners Cup return leg match, Sept. 28, Wenaus (left) and Knut Anders Fostervold of (Reuters photo)

Fabre mounts powerful Arc challenge to Lammtarra

PARIS (R) - French master trainer Andre Fabre mounts a typically powerful challenge in Sunday's Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe in an effort to foilall conquering English Derby

Normund Zile during an early action of the photo)

Althnugh Fahre's Irish Berby winner Winged Love had to be withdrawn no Thursday due to the deteriorating ground at Long-champ, Fabre will saddle three of the expected 16 runners for the one and a half mile (2-4 km) Antumn High-

Fabre's assault for the \$750,000 top prize is be led by last year's winner Carnegie with both Freedom Cry and Swain holding reasonable claims.

Bnt Lammtarra remains a solid 3-1 favourite to become the first horse since Mill Reef in 1971 to complete the Epson Derby, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth diamond stakes and Arc trehle.

Despite his inexperience and the fact he has never raced on soft ground, Lammtarra continues to head the betting with champion jockey Frankie Dettori optimistic he can capture his first Arc at his eighth attempt.

Carnegie, 4-1 second favourite to retain his crown, impressed when holding off Balanchine (6-1) by a short head in the prix foy trial race earlier this month.

Dutch Feyenoord Rotterdam striker Regi second leg Cup Winners Cup match

Blinker (centre) fights for the ball with Dag Feyenoord Rotterdam against Dag Liepaja Liepaja midfielders Maxim Kasjan (left) and from Latvia in Rotterdam, Sept. 28 (Reuters

who has a remarkable record in the race, is nn board. Jarnet has nnly had five Arc mnunts in his career hut he has won two of the last three runnings with Carnegie and Snbotica in 1992. He also

finished fourth in 1993 on

Intrepidity.
Fabre, three times an Arc winner, speaks highly of 7-1 chance Swain, well hacked in London bookmakers' shops this week, while Irish champion stakes runner-up Freedom Cry (16-1) has been prepared for an autumn cam-,

paign.
Big race specialist Michael Kinane has the ride on Swain, a Deauville winner in the summer, while French-man Ohivier Peslier will be

aboard Freedom Cry. Carnegie and Swain are both the property of top nwn-er Sheikh Mnhammed of Dahai whose gadalphia empire is represented nnt only by Lammtarra hut also by third favourite Balan-

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class entry in Carling (8-1), winner of the group one Prix

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France have another top

from Latvia in Rotterdam, Sept. 28 (Reuters

Teruya Yoshida and will race in his colours after a deal hrokered hy top French bloodstnck agent Patrick Barbe, whose wife Corine trains the filly.

Pure Grain (12-1), trained in England hy Michael Stoute, is another talented

The two-day meeting starts on Saturday when English

cbine, last year's Epsom raider Double Trigger, Ascot hids for the group one Prix du the Melhourne Cup in Oaks and Irish Derby win- and Goodwood Cup winner, Cadran en-route to a crack at November.

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BRITISH EMBASSY, AMMAN

Jordan's quest for better Arab relations aims at safeguarding pan-Arab interests – Rawabdeh

AMMAN (J.T.) — Acting Prime Minister and Minister of Education Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh has said Jordan's efforts to strengthen its relations with the other Arab countries are aimed at helping to safeguard the Arab Nation's interests.

"Unity of Arah ranks and meetings among Arab leaders are bound to help the nation to confront the challenges and attain the nation's aspirations," said Mr. Rawabdeh in a statement to

the Qatari News Agency.

Mr. Rawabdeh said that "those who believe that Jordan's quest for inter-Arab reconciliation aims at achieving a specific interest for Jordan are wrong because the Kingdom believes that any pan-Arah meeting will serve all the Arab countries.

Mr. Rawabdeh said Jordan refuses to reply to hasty statements on the part of Arab officials and prefers to leave it to the Arab Nation to decide on matters pertaining to national interest.

He stressed that Jordan will remain committed to its principles and working quiet-; ly and persistently to safeguard pan-Arah interests.

Knwaiti Crown Prince Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah was quoted as saying on Wednesday that his country had not forgotten what he called Jordan's cooperation with Iraq during the Gulf erisis and dismissed as "wrong and baseless," re-ports that a rapprochement between Kuwait and Jordan was imminent.

The Kuwaiti criticism of Jordan has soured moves to end their Gulf war-era rift and could complicate U.S. efforts to tighten Iraq's economic isolation, analysts and diplomats said in Kuwait.

The comments by Sheikh Saad reflect many Kuwaitis' lingering coolness towards. Jordan but run counter to a recent U.S.-backed campaign to improve Kuwaiti-Jordanian ties, Reuters reported.

They also reflect differences among Kuwaitis about how quickly to mend ties with "pro-Iraq" Arab states five years after relations were damaged by Iraq's 1990 invasion, the diplomats and analysts said.

"I am very confused by what I have heard," said Ahdul Mohsen Jamal, a member of the Kuwaiti parliament's foreign affairs com-

"We have one government and it should speak with one voice," he said of Sheikh Saad's remarks about Jordan. "It is understandable that Kuwaitis do not like Jordan hnt reconciliation is a pragmatie path that is worth

Sheikh Saad had ruled out any resumption of relations until Jordan did more to distance itself from what he called its shameless pro-Iraqi stance during Baghdad's seven-mouth occupation.

Mr. Jamal said these comments were in contrast with Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sahah's repeated welcoming of the prospect, of better ties with

Sheikh Sahah has said Kuwait is willing to discuss resuming oil supplies to Jor-dan to help reduce its rehance on Iraqi oil.
"The fact is that there is a

split in public opinion about Jordan. The side which cares about the future wants better relations (with Jordan)," a Foreign Ministry official said.

"The other side does not want to forget the wrongs of the past.' Better ties between Jordan and Gulf states like Kuwait are a key part of U.S. efforts

to wean Jordan away from economie reliance on Iraq and step up pressure within Iraq for President Saddam Hussein's downfall.

Any rift with Amman could crush the Iraqi economy, already reeling under five years of trade sanctions, because Jordan is Iraq's sole remaining economic link to the outside world.

A poll published in Al Watan newspaper last month showed Kuwaitis objecting to an improvement in ties by a margin of 51 per cent to 32 per cent, with 17 per cent without an opinion.

Relations were not cut after the war hut Jordan's embassy in Kuwait remains closed and Kuwait's embassy in Amman is headed by a charge d'affaires.

Diplomats said it was not mmediately clear what effect Sheikh Saad's comments would have on continuing efforts to improve Jordan-Kuwait ties. Such efforts moved up a gear after Jordan gave asylum in August to two senior Iraqi defectors. Sheikh Sahah met his

Jordanian counterpart Abdul Karim Al Kabariti in Cairo two weeks ago in the first high-level contact between the two countries since the Gulf crisis.

Sheikh Sabah may meet Mr. Kabariti again in the next few days at the United Nations General Assembly meeting in New York.

Diplomats noted Knwait shortly send amhassadors to Mauritania and Algeria for the first time since the Gulf crisis. Both countries were seen sympathetie to Iraq during the crisis.

Knwait-hased diplomats say they expect American lohhying for a reconciliation between Kuwait and Jordan to continue, as part of a twin track effort by Washington to isolate Iraq and bring Gulf states into the Arab-Israeli peace process.



CELEBRATION: Palestinians tear down the wire fence put by the Israeli army around the Dheisheh camp in the West Bank as they celebrate the signing on Thursday of an agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation on expanding Palestinian self-rule to the West Bank (see page one)

Israel said poised to unveil E. Jerusalem housing plan

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Leftist members of Jerusalem's city council on Friday called on Israel to reconsider a plan to build a new Jewish neighbourhood in, the Arah half of the city to avoid a crisis with Israel's Arah peace partners.

In a letter published in the Arabie-lauguage Kol Al Arah newspaper, four members of the council said Housing Minister Binyamin Ben Eliezer intended to officially announce on Sunday plans to huild the Har Homa neigh-

bourhood in East Jerusalem. The letter said the plan was sure to anger Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat,

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MANILA (R) — More than 1,000 Muslims in the Philippines lodged a petition on

Friday with the United Arah

Emirates (UAE) embassy in

condemned Filipina maid

Pendatan Disimhan,

spokesman of the newly

formed group called United Muslims for Sarah Balaba-

gan's Freedom, told repor-

ters the maid should be freed

because she only sought to

Ms. Balahagan, whom Manila claims is 16 but who

the UAE says is 27, was sentenced to death by a UAE

court earlier this month for

stabbing to death her Arah

employer whom she accused

of raping her. The court re-

ected her plea of self-

"In purity of her human

spirit, she was obliged to defend herself at the time the

crime was committed against her will," Mr. Disimban said. He said their group would

hold daily prayer vigils in front of a mosque and before the emirates' embassy in

Manila ahead of the first

hearing on the appeal filed by Ms. Balahagan's lawyers

against her death sentence.

the maid's freedom was

handed over to a UAE envoy

and then a short rally was

held by the group in front of the emirates' embassy.

Balabagan's appeal has been moved up to Oct. 9 from Oct.

30 so a decision can be

reached quickly on the case,

a senior emirates' judge said

Ms. Balahagau's chief

lawyer, Mohammad Al

Amin, has predicted the

appeal process would last no

longer than two months.

The case has provoked ontrage among Filipinos, still angry over the hanging by Singapore of Filipina maid Flor Contemplacion.

Newspaper and magazine

editorials in the UAE have

criticised the uproar which

crupted in the Philippines

over the verdict and a UAE

official said pressure from

Manila could hamper Ms.

Balabagan's efforts to win

Ms. Balabagan's parents are due to fly to the UAE with a joint affidavit from

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In May, Israel bowed to international pressure and froze an order to confiscate Palestinian-owned land in: East Jerusalem intended for Jewish Housing and a police

Israel and the PLO signed a peace accord on Thursday in Washington expanding Palestinain self-rule in the West Bank. The two sides are scheduled to start discussing the final status of Jerusalem, the West Bank and the Gaza

salem. Israel says part of the Strip, by mid-1996.

Prisoners escape from Aideed's jail

column he led the 250 kilometres from Mogadishu.

3 beheaded for drugs in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH (AP) — An Afghan, a Pakistani and a Chadian convicted for drug trafficking were beheaded Friday in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah, raising the number of executions so far this year to a record 181. Most of those beheaded were convicted drug smugglers from Asia and Africa. The capital punishment for drug crimes was prescribed in 1987 by the kingdom's theologians in an effort to curb a growing payorities trade. Refore 1987 the death to curb a growing narcotics trade. Before 1987, the death penalty was given only to rapists and murderers in accordance with Islamic law. London-based Amnesty International has expressed grave concern over the behead ings, saying that the kingdom had set a new record for executions. According to statistics by the human rights group the 90 executions that were carried out in the first four months of this year exceed the annual total for recent years. Amnesty International recorded 53 last year, 88 in 1993 and 66 executions in 1992.

India bans latest Rushdie book

BEERSHEBA (AFP) - A court turned down an apeal here Friday for the release of an Iranian who hijacked a plane in Israel and now wants to marry a Jewish girl and convert, legal officials said. The court in the southern town of Beersheba extended Jabari Rizah's custody until next Thursday, rejecting the appeal of a defence lawyer for his release pending charges. Mr. Rizha, a 30-year-old air steward, has asked for asylum and said he wants to convert to Judaism and marry a Jewish girl, since hijacking an Iranian Boeing 707 with more than 170 people on board to southern Israel on Sept. 9. "I love the Jewish people and I am asking not to be tried," he said at an earlier hearing. Israeli officials have said the asylum request would be rejected. He could be charged with hijacking, illegal possession of a gun, and illegal entry. But officials say Mr. Rizah is more likely to be turned over to the International Committee of the Red Cross. Iran, which has accused Israel of involvement in the hijacking, wants his extradition and has appealed to the International Civil Aviation

NEWS IN BRIEF

MOGADISHU (AFP) - Tweleve elders and religious leaders accused of "treason" escaped over the wall of a warlord's jail in south Mogadishu early Friday, making their way over the "green line" to safety in the north of the Somali capital, relatives reported. Five militiamen guarding the prison went missing at the same time, taking their automatic rifles with them. The escape from the prison, run, hy General Mohammad Farah Aideed, elected "interim president" of Somalia by his supporters last June, copied that of AFP correspondent Alai Musa Abdi, who climbed the wall on Wednesday with the complicity of guards after being held for three weeks, accused of "serious" but unspecified crimes against Gen. Aideed's "government." Families of the prisoners who reported their escape said they had been fed once a day and given lectures every afternoon by militia psychologists on respect for Gen. Aideed's "government." Aideed militiamen were reported to be combing sonth Mogadishu on Friday in search of the escapees. Aideed's men meanwhile transferred all political prisoners from the jail once used by the criminal investigation department of President Mohammad Siad Barre, who was overthrown in 1991, to the main prison in south Mogadishu. A provincial governor is also reported to have escaped from captivity in the inland town of Baidoa, which Gen. Aideed captured on Sept. 10 at the head of a 600-man

NEW DELHI (AFP) — The Indian authorities on Friday formally banned the import of the latest book by Indianborn writer Salman Rushdie, which is in the race for this year's prestigious Booker Prize. Customs officials announced a ban on "The Moon's Last Sigh" hut did not provide any explanation for the move. Mr. Rushdie has been living in hiding since 1989, when the late Iranian leader. Appetable Behallet 279, leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a death warrant against him because of a previous book, "The Satanie Verses" which was deemed hlasphemous. Officials said major book distributors and retailers across India had been informed of the ban on Mr. Rushdie's latest work. The book had already been boycotted in the western state of Maharashtra because a character bears an unflattering resemblance to maverick Hindu politician Bal Thackeray. There have also been objections to a dog called Jawaharlal the name of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru,

Israell court rejects appeal for hijacker's release

O finances in better shape Godal WASHINGTON (AFP) -implementation of their prodevelopment bank for the

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is in better financial shape than expected hut donors must give more in order to bring its deficit nuder .. control, the Norwegian foreign minister said Thursday.

.. Bjorn Tore Godal made his comments before a meeting of the ad hoc liaison committee of countries helping to finance the transition to Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank.

He said the PLO's hudget been covered" but noted there was still a 1996 shortfall of 75 million dollars.

"There is ground for I urge the donors to continue... (to) speed up the he saw no need to create a

Saudi Arabia marked the signing of the Israeli-PLO peace accord in Washington with a \$100 million grant to help finance the transition. The Saudi delegation here

issued a statement saying it was following through with the funds it pledged in 1993 when the two sides initialled the agreement. "The participation of the

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on this occasion stems from its commitment to support the quest to regain their legitimate rights," said the state-

Meanwhile, Jacques Sanoptimism," Mr. Godal said. ter, head of the European Commission, said Thursday

Middle East, as Washington advocates.

Pointing out the urgent need to invest now, and the length time it takes to create such an entity, Mr. Santer argued that there were plenty of commetcial hanks and institutions capable of putting together the money to invest in the region.

So far, some \$650 million has been dishursed out of billion promised two years ago when Israelis and Palestinians concluded their first igrecilient.

That understanding was bolstered Thursday at the White House when the PLO and Israel signed a historic accord to extend Palestinian self-rule throughout the West

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher said the United States hoped to announce new ald for West Bank and Gaza, along with "a substantial pledge to the Holtz fund," named after the Norwegian minister who organised secret meetings between Israel and the PLO that paved the way for the 1993 адтестепт.

A joint statement issued following Thursday's signing ceremony pledged "full snpport" for a Middle East Development Bank.

dorsed by U.S. President Bill Clinton, King Hussein, Egyptian President Hosni Muharak, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rahin and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (see

Coalition against 'normalisation' holds meeting, pledges to press its campaign

AMMAN (J.T.) — Opponents of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty on Friday intensified their campaign against the normalisation of ties with the Jewish state by holding a general conference which was attended by 330 representatives of political parties and

other activists. The conference, held at the premises of the Jordan People's Democratic Party (JPDP), was the product of 16 smaller meetings held in the Kingdom's governorates, five of them in Amman.

The conference's first secretary, Salem Nahhas of the JPDP, said in a welcoming address that the Jordaniau people were heing forced to relinquish their centuries-old heritage and principles by normalising ties with Israel and submitting to

"It was for the sake of these principles that you achieved what could not be achieved over a century of conflict with Zionism and Western imperialism," Mr.

Nahhas said.
"You have achieved the unity of ranks of a coalition of Islamic, pan-Arabist and nationalist forces in a comprehensive opposition back-ed by all the people from north to south in confronting those relinquishing the prin-ciples of righteousness, jus-tice, freedom and peace," he said, in reference to the parties that organised the confer-

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These parties are the Jordanian Socialist Arah Baath, the Progressive Arah Baath, the Islamic Action Front, the Arah Action Front, the Jordanian Arab Constitutional Front, the Unionist Democratic, JPDP, the Jordan Communist and Jordanian Democratic Popular Unity parties. These parties formed the antinormalisation coalition shortly after the signing of the treaty Oct. 26, 1994.

Mr. Nahhas said the Jorda-

nian people "are in a perma-nent status of confrontation with the enemy in every Jordanian city, touristic site, street, cafe and shop."

He praised residents of the northern city of Irbid for refusing to host the Israeli ambassador, saying people should learn from such an experience. He said Jordanians should feel proud of what happened in Irhid, adding: "After that, who can declare our defeat and say that the opposition is only a minority?

"You are the majority and your organised action is the only guarantee to enhance the conviction of our people that this treaty has no chance to survive, that it will eventually fall ... so let us strangle this treaty till it lies as a rotten carcass," Mr. Nahhas concluded, echoeing the address of the conference's preparatory committee.

The committee called for rejecting all "snrrender treaties" and all their results and called for coordinating efforts with opponents of the peace process in the occupied territories as well as Arah

and Islamic countries. The committee said it had set up sub-committees in several governorates despite "obstacles placed by the government" and has heldperiodic meetings at the level of the secretaries general of the nine opposition parties.

It said it has faced many obstacles until it managed to organise Friday's conference, condemning what it termed as the government's infringement on public freedom and arhitrary measures against the opponents of normalisation, recalling a government. decision to ban a May 29 rally by the opposition parties.

On May 18, the government announced that the opposition parties could hold* a public rally, but reversed that 11 days later, banning the rally shortly before it was

The government said the parties had sought to instigate public disorder by calling on Jordanians to resist the treaty in a communiqué issued before the rally was

The conference, chaired by IAF Secretary General Ishak Farhan, issued a several-page communique in Arabic and English which it called "charter for protecting the homeland and confronting norma-

The charter, a copy of which was obtained by the Jordan Times, urged the public to continue to regard "the Zionist movement as a threat to our Arab nation and its Islamic identity, and viewing the Ziouist state as an occupying enemy, who has confiscated our Arab land, killed thousands of our martyrs and forced the dispersion of our people, and to take all any confrontation against the enemy.'

It also called on Jordanians "to resist all intellectual, cultural, political, educational and archaeological measures, exemptions or justifications that call for dealing with the Zionist enemy and forgetting its aggression against our land, people and freedoms, or to try to consecrate the rights of the enemy in our land."

It also called for rejecting any modification to school curricula and boycotting any invitations for seminars, conferences, fellowships or cultural, scientific, economic, or other competitions held by Israel or has Israeli partici-

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Syria: U.S. can bring peace

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were committed to do everything possible to spur the economic development of the region and "reiterated their call for an end to the Arah boycott as soon as possible." Another Syrian newspaper said Friday it was in no hurry

to reach a deal with Israel. "Syria is not on a rush to accept solutions which do not guarantee its security and sovereignty, nor the tecovery of occupied territories on the Golan Heights and in South Lehanon," the official daily Al Thawra wrote.

"It is not constrained by a time factor and does not fear the expiry of some deadline." Mr. Clinton said at the Washington signing cere-mony that "we will press forward with our efforts until the circle of peace is closed. And the circle must include Syria and Lebanon if peace is to be complete." U.S. Secretary of State

Warren Christopher is to re-

turn to the Middle East soon to try to get the Syrian track moving.

Syrian and Lebanese diplomats attended the White House ceremony Thursday in which King Hussein and President Muharak took part, but Syrian President Hafez Al Assad was conspicious by his absence.

Al Thawra said: "Syria" does not adopt hasty positions and is not looking to impose insurmountable conditions, but it is guided by the logics of peace which demand freedom and withdrawal" by the Israelis from occupied lands.

Al Thawra called on the United States "to double its efforts to win an Israeli agreement to respect the U.N. resolutions and the hasics of the peace process." The U.S. leadership must use "firm diplomacy and

the region.'

residents of her hometown to show she was born on March 3, 1979 to prove she is only 16. Her lawyer said her age would be a crucial factor in her bid to win her freedom. adopt decisive positions to get out of this impasse and bring peace and security in The UAE says she is 27 based on documents Philippines officials. say were

leniency.

English rugby star and wife separate

LONDON (R) — English rughy captain Will Carling,

whose friendship with Princess Diana has grabbed newspaper headlines, and his wife have decided to spend time apart, a spokesman for the couple said. The 29-year-old sportsman and his news presenter wife Julia said they hoped the separation would be temporary and no third party was involved.
"Will Carling announced with regret tonight that he and his wife Julia have agreed to spend some time apart," Carling said in a statement issued by Colin Herridge, the rugby union's media liaison officer.
They both believe that they need space and some peace for the time being They want to emphasise that nobody else is involved and they hope that hy allowing themselves time apart to reflect, they will be able to get back together as soon as possible. They will issue no further statements." The announcement of the temporary separation came less than a week after a Sunday newspaper reported a secret meeting between the sports star and the estranged wife of Prince Charles. The News Of The World published pictures of a tearful Princess Diana emerging from an exclusive London sports club last Friday followed minutes later, by Carling. Buckingham Palace sources said the meeting was just coincidence, A palace spokeswoman had no comment to make about the separation. Carling has insisted that he and Princess Diana were just friends and has dismissed the rumours about their relationship. He claims his wife knew be planned to visit the sports clinic fot treatment of a hip problem.

Takemura laughs off U.K. magazine 'award'

Finance

TOKYO (R) — Japan's

Minister

Masayoshi Takemura Friday laughed off a British magazine's award naming him the "worst finance minister of the year", saying he will become the best once Japan's economy recovers. 'My evaluation became the worst in light of the poor state of the Japanese economy... but 1 expect to become the best one next year," Mr. Takemura told a routine news conference after a cabinet meeting. A British publication. financial Euromoney magazine. named Mr. Takemura as the recipient of the award for 1995 in its latest edition published Friday, citing his. poor handling of the economy and a banking crisis as well as his failure to come up with convincing steps to pull Japan out of its long recession. The magazine also pointed out that Mr. Takemura had unsuccessfully tried to resign from his post. Japan's financial system has at least 50 trillion yen (\$500 billion) in problem loan, and a string of financial failures over the past year have undermined world confidence in Japan's hanks.

MP calls for quarantine for

HARARE (R) - A member of Zimbabwe's ruling ZANU-PF party took up President Robert Mugabe's anti-gay line on, saying homosexuals should be placed in quarantine. "Like tuberculosis patients, they should be hibernated in an isolation hospital until they are treated," Member of Parliament Aeneas Chigwedere said during a debate on a motion backing Mr. Mugabe's stance. Another MP said antihomosexual material should be taught in schools.